

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2012.

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

REGRETS – Paul Ferguson

Moved by Debbie McMurray, Seconded by Ted Stroud, that the Minutes, as amended, of the December 7, 2011 meeting be accepted . CARRIED. (12-01)

I.)DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – none

II.)VISITORS – KELSEY WARD (INTERN)

III.)CORRESPONDENCE – none

IV.)REPORTS OF MEMBERS:

Kelsey Ward reported that she has the Farmer's Market website up and running and has had 384 hits since early December. The website address is; www.mckellarfarmproducersmarket.com. Kelsey reported that upcoming Pioneer College courses include Basic Hair Cutting, Cheese Making, Sweater Knitting, and Basket Weaving. There are courses in the process of being booked which include; Spring Gardening, Zumba, Chair Caning, and Fiction Writing Workshop.

Kelsey presented a copy of the Healthy Communities Grant application.

(SEE KELSEY'S WRITTEN REPORT ON FILE)

Wave Weir reported that the Biosphere Action Group would like to have the Pioneer College Courses forwarded to them for further circulation. Kelsey will forward the relevant information.

Doug Weber reported that the Dunahmic Snowmobile Club's permit sales are down by approximately \$6000 – \$7000 this year over last year. The Club has been applying for various funding opportunities, and are working with Google Earth to have their trails mapped.

V.) MOTION AND NOTICE OF MOTION:

Moved by Ted Stroud , Seconded by Debbie McMurray, that the EDC accept Doug Weber's resignation as the Vice – Chairperson and Paul Ferguson's resignation as Chairperson. (12-02) Carried.

Moved by Ted Stroud, Seconded by Tamara Black that the EDC accept Doug Weber as Chairperson. (12-03) Carried.

Moved by Ted Stroud, Seconded by Tamara Black that the EDC accept Debbie McMurray as Vice-Chairperson. (12-04) Carried.

Moved by Debbie McMurray, Seconded by Ted Stroud that the EDC request that Council direct the Clerk to register with Grants Ontario. Website information to be provided to the Clerk. (12-05) Carried.

Moved by Tamara Black, Seconded by Ted Stroud that the EDC direct Council to disregard the previous submission of "Conceptual Paper June 2011", until such time as the document has been adopted by the membership of the EDC. Motion 11-15 is hereby rescinded. (12-06) Recorded Vote;

YAY – Doug Weber, Debbie McMurray, Tamara Black, Ted Stroud, Wave Weir

NAY –

Carried.

Moved by Ted Stroud, Seconded by Wave Weir, that the EDC request a 2012 budget of \$3750 from Council. Budget details as attached. (12-07) Carried.

Moved by Tamara Black, Seconded by Ted Stroud that Tamara Black is authorized to begin recruiting advertisers for a re-print of the McKellar Business Directory, which is expected to occur in December 2012. Tamara is authorized to work with community volunteer Phil Boyd on this endeavour. Advertiser pricing to remain unchanged as per the 2011 rates. (12-08) Carried.

VI.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Healthy Communities Grant Application – The application must be submitted online and the Township must register online before the application can be accessed. The application due date is February 28th, 2012. As community partnerships are required for this funding, the committee discussion indicated that the EDC would not have time to get a program created for the application. The EDC would like to proceed with registering with Grants Ontario for future grant opportunities.

EDC Conceptual Paper – Ted Stroud pointed out an error in the document on page 7. Tamara Black discussed concerns which have come forward from the public.

VII.) NEW BUSINESS –

Budget – Tamara Black presented a draft budget for the Committee's consideration.

Business Directory – Tamara Black discussed the potential re-printing of the business directory for 2013 distribution, due to the changes to the postal addressing for a large portion of McKellar.

VIII.) ADJOURNMENT – Moved by Tamara Black, Seconded by Ted Stroud, that the committee adjourn to meet again on March 7, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. (12-09) Carried.