



## Community Development Committee

### MINUTES

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 3 pm  
Sandfield Centre, 102 Derby St West, Alexandria

A meeting of the Community Development Committee was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 3 pm at the Sandfield Centre (102 Derby Street West, Alexandria).

**PRESENT:** Carma Williams, Chair  
Jeff Manley, Councillor  
Brenda Noble, Councillor  
David Fillion, Community Representative  
Rory Levert, Community Representative  
Dean MacGillivray, Community Representative  
Michael Madden, Community Representative  
Anne Leduc, Director – Community Services / Recording Secretary

**REGRETS:** Gina Dragone, Community Representative  
Sarah Huskinson, CAO

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest by the members present.

#### 3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR AMENDMENTS

Additions to Point 8 - Agenda Items:

C) Impact of class sizes

#### 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AS MODIFIED

**Moved by:** Jeff Manley

**Seconded by:** David Fillion

THAT the agenda for the Community Development Committee for April 24, 2019 be adopted as modified.

**Carried.**

## **5. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Moved by: Michael Madden**

**Seconded by: Rory Levert**

THAT the minutes of the March 27, 2019 Community Development Committee meeting be accepted as presented.

**Carried.**

## **6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no new business arising from the minutes.

## **7. DELEGATIONS**

None

## **8. AGENDA ITEMS**

### **a. Corporate Strategic Presentation**

Staff presented an overview of the presentation on the Strategic Planning exercise that was presented to Council on April 9, 2019. The Strategic exercise captures several of the items identified by the Committee members as possible goals (see Summary provided under item 8b). Several priority items that were identified by McSweeney during the consultation process are ranked as being of high priority on the member's list such as Broadband, Population Growth, Communication at the Township level, Customer Service ("Open for Business" mindset) at the Township Office, and Schools/Community Assets.

Members expressed concern on the statistics regarding the decline in population in North Glengarry. Staff has been asked to obtain information on population which will include an update on the Building permits issued over the last few years.

### **b. Discussion on goals for the Committee**

The Committee members have identified two common themes which are Population and the Maintenance of Community Assets. The Summary document was analyzed and categorized by the Committee Members. Items identified as priority will be included in the agenda for follow-up at future meetings. Community members and organizations will be invited as delegations to ensure that the Committee is kept abreast of issues.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Owner / Action</b>
Maintenance of Community Assets	Develop a Forest Conservation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing - Planning</li> </ul>
Maintenance of Community Assets	Maintain schools (viability of secondary schools)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous – SOS group and partners</li> </ul>
Maintenance of Community Assets	Protecting and strengthening Glengarry Memorial Hospital’s long-term viability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update to be obtained from HGMH’s management</li> </ul>
Population	Address next steps for Agri-food and Agri-tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing - Economic Development</li> </ul>
Population	<p>Create a plan to address population growth (attraction of new residents – from West Island, East Ottawa, Amazon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase population across all demographics (seniors, youth, adults, disabled individuals, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing - Economic Development / Government Organizations / Community Partners</li> </ul>
Population	Develop comprehensive Communications Plan at the Township level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the direction of the CAO</li> </ul>
Population	Ensure good Customer Service at Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the direction of the CAO</li> </ul>
Population	Lagoon upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing – July target for update</li> </ul>
Population	Lobby businesses to relocate to North Glengarry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing - Economic Development / Government Organizations</li> </ul>
Population	Strategic residential development on the fringe of Alexandria that would not require infrastructure (estate lots)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning / Economic Development</li> </ul>
Population / Maintenance of Community Assets	<p>Create a volunteer database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centralized database to disseminate information on community and service groups, volunteer opportunities, functions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Development – use already-compiled information on community organizations to see if there is an appetite for a centralized database through which volunteers could be contacted on an as-required basis</li> </ul>
Population / Maintenance of Community Assets	High-speed internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing - Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus – Eastern Ontario Regional Network project</li> <li>• Expecting update on funding.</li> </ul>

Population / Maintenance of Community Assets	Location for satellite government offices (Minister of Rural Affairs, agricultural based agencies)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing but greatly dependent on direction of Provincial and Federal Governments</li> </ul>
Population / Maintenance of Community Assets	Township has to be “open” for business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under the direction of the CAO</li> </ul>

**c. Impact of class size**

Item was discussed by the members as part of the review of the Goals for the Committee (see table above).

Mr. David Filion also indicated that the Maxville busing situation could potentially result in a reduction of 8 individuals per year.

Following the recent Provincial Budget, there has been no update on the staffing situation at GDHS.

**9. PENDING BUSINESS**

N/A

**10. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. Key Information Report – Economic Development Update**

Committee members are encouraged to contact staff if they require any additional information on the Economic Development Activities in the Township.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next Community Development Committee will take place on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 3 pm, at the Sandfield Centre (102 Derby Street West, Alexandria).

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm by Michael Madden.

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**Carma Williams**  
Chair