



Community Development Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 3:00 pm
Sandfield Centre, 102 Derby St West, Alexandria

PRESENT: Carma Williams, Chair
Gina Dragone, Community Representative
Dean MacGillivray, Community Representative
Brenda Noble, Councillor
Rory Levert, Community Representative
Michael Madden, Community Representative
Anne Leduc, Director – Community Services / Recording Secretary

REGRETS: David Fillion, Community Representative
Jeff Manley, Councillor
Sarah Huskinson, CAO

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm

2) DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3) ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR AMENDMENTS

None

4) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AS MODIFIED

Moved by: Michael Madden

Seconded by: Dean MacGillivray

THAT the agenda for the Community Development Committee for August 28, 2019 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

5) ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved by: Michael Madden

Seconded by: Rory Levert

THAT the minutes of the June 26, 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. Marketing Plan Working Group

Dean MacGillivray updated the committee on the work that has been done by the Marketing Plan Working Group. The WPWG met on July 8, 2019 and included the bus issue in Maxville. Requires more time to define items in a format that would satisfy the group. Will attempt to come out of meetings with actions plans. Next meeting was on August 6, 2019.

During the meeting, it was determined that information from the Township will be required to move forward. Topics will fall under the following categories: marketing, infrastructure, jobs, housing, lobbying. Members were asked to forward questions under these five topics.

The list that was provided by David Filion in his email dated August 13, 2019 (sent in the agenda package) will be updated by Anne Leduc and Township Staff to indicate a role and comments column and brought back to the Committee.

b. School Boundary Working Group

Dean MacGillivray updated the members on the busing issue in the Maxville catchment. 11 families affected that want to attend GDHS. Appeals were lodged by these families and as a result, their children will be attending GDHS this fall.

The Boundary situation will be examined and brought to attention of the Trustees. Will discuss details and timing at the next School Boundary Working Group.

Carma Williams indicated that at AMO, a delegation from the Counties met with the Stephen Lecce, the Minister of Education, who stated that he understood the importance of schools as economic drivers for rural municipalities. The delegation touched upon the importance of schools in Alexandria and Maxville.

Gina Dragone notes that there are parents that are still not aware of this situation and don't understand the impact of children being transferred to Tagwi. There is a need inform parents of younger children that will be attending GDHS in the future.

c. Amending the electoral districts to have North Glengarry in the same territory as South Glengarry and Cornwall

Staff forwarded information on the process to modify electoral boundaries.

- d. Population and Maintenance of Community Assets Listing (Appendix A)**
 - i. General Discussion**

9) PENDING BUSINESS

None

10) CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Anne Leduc reviewed the KIR touching upon the work that was done over the last month including meetings with business owners, CIP applications and the Regional Incentives Program, Youth Retention efforts, Workforce development activities such as job fairs and work experience validation programs, branding initiatives in the Township and communications.

- b. Email from Nick Seguin – SDG Tourism**

This summary was supplied to the committee members as an update on the joint activities between the Counties and the Townships.

11) NEXT MEETING

The next Community Development Committee will take place on September 25, 2019 at the Sandfield Centre (102 Derby Street W., Alexandria).

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm by Rory Levert

Carma Williams
Chair

APPENDIX A

Population and Maintenance of Community Assets Listing

PRIMARY LIST		
Category	Item	Owner / Action
Maintenance of Community Assets	Protecting and strengthening Glengarry Memorial Hospital's long-term viability	Update to be obtained from HGMH's management. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carma to invite HGMH (Louise Quenneville) to make a presentation to the Community Development Committee. • Senior's Village.
Population	Address next steps for Agri-food and Agri-tourism	Ongoing - Economic Development (in-house and in partnership with other municipalities, organizations and businesses). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest from businesses in doing farm tours and partnering with other businesses to create a critical agri-tourism mass. • Commercial Kitchen project is near completion. • Gina will send an update to be added to the Committee's agenda.
Population	Create a plan to address population growth (attraction of new residents – from West Island, East Ottawa, Amazon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase population across all demographics (seniors, youth, adults, disabled individuals, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing - Economic Development / Government Organizations / Community Partners • Carma searching for contractors for land available to be developed for housing. • Anne to contact developer to discuss Maxville property. • Email group if a new developer contact is made.
Population	Lagoon upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing – July target for update • Designs will permit to apply for funding when available
Population	Strategic residential development on the fringe of Alexandria that would not require infrastructure (estate lots)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning / Economic Development • Evaluate the properties that the Township owns and possible land available for sale. • Bring to Building / Planning Dept.
Population / Maintenance of Community Assets	High-speed internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing - Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus – Eastern Ontario Regional Network project • Expecting update on funding.

SECONDARY LIST		
Category	Item	Owner / Action
Maintenance of Community Assets	Develop a Forest Conservation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing - Planning
Maintenance of Community Assets	Maintain schools (viability of secondary schools)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous – SOS group and partners • Committee formed between several municipalities to look at the possibilities to look at reducing school boards in SDG. • The idea is to look at efficiencies that could be obtained through this proposal. • A goal is to educate children close to their communities. • The intention is to bring a proposal to the Minister of Education.
Population	Develop comprehensive Communications Plan at the Township level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the direction of the CAO
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Population	Ensure good Customer Service at Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the direction of the CAO
Population	Lobby businesses to relocate to North Glengarry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing - Economic Development / Government Organizations
Population / Maintenance of Community Assets	Create a volunteer database <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centralized database to disseminate information on community and service groups, volunteer opportunities, functions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Send a survey asking people to volunteer for a specific amount of time. • New webpage was created to direct people towards volunteer organizations and then Facebook (share with community partners).
Population / Maintenance of Community Assets	Location for satellite government offices (Minister of Rural Affairs, agricultural based agencies).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing but greatly dependent on direction of Provincial and Federal Governments.
Population / Maintenance of Community Assets	Township has to be “open” for business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the direction of the CAO.