



Community Development Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 3:00 pm
Sandfield Centre, 102 Derby St West, Alexandria

PRESENT: Carma Williams, Chair
Jeff Manley, Councillor
Gina Dragone, Community Representative
David Fillion, Community Representative
Dean MacGillivray, Community Representative
Brenda Noble, Councillor
Rory Levert, Community Representative
Michael Madden, Community Representative
Anne Leduc, Director – Community Services / Recording Secretary
Tara Kirkpatrick, Economic Development & Communications Officer

REGRETS: Sarah Huskinson, CAO

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm by Carma Williams.

2) DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3) ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR AMENDMENTS

Request to start with the Key info report and move it to the top. Followed by the answers to the marketing work.

4) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AS MODIFIED

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Rory Levert

THAT the agenda for the Community Development Committee for September 25, 2019 be adopted as modified.

Carried.

5) ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved by: David Filion

Seconded by: Dean MacGillivray

THAT the minutes of the August 28, 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 – Verbal Update

i. Answers to marketing working group questions

Mr. David Filion advise the Committee of the work that was done by the Marketing Plan Working Group on identifying two theme: Retention and attraction and Residential development.

In regards to Retention and attraction, there needs to be a way to market to young families and retain youth.

Identification of infill or vacant lots should be a priority in addressing residential development and growth, all the while exploring different types of housing models that would respond to the lack of available apartments. .

The Working Group enquired on the complaint process for Property Standards for vacant homes. Staff advised that an official complaint must be lodged in order to have By-law investigate the situation further. An exception is when there is a determined risk such as hoarding, or fire, when other means can be used to addressed the situation.

Staff has been requested to obtain more information regarding taxation for vacant commercial buildings. This request will be forwarded to the Treasurer.

The Committee has asked that the Chief Building Official attend a meeting to better understand how to identify building lots, starting with the recently connected lots in Maxville. This would encourage residential growth in North Glengarry and assist with the drafting of a residential growth plan.

ii. Maintaining community assets - verbal update

The Working Group identified key community assets, including the Glengarry Golf Course, the Alexandria and Maxville Curling Clubs and the schools.

The Working Group wants to ensure that these community assets are offered support, in a manner that is appropriate to the municipality to ensure that these community assets continue to contribute to the vibrancy of the community. An example was brought up when the culvert washed out on Mother's Day Weekend Brunch. The municipality stepped in to prioritize reinstating access to the Golf Course.

Staff has been directed to create a list of government satellite offices in the Township and to benchmark this list against past organizations that were in the Township.

iii. Development and marketing plan

- Staff will including \$30,000 in the Capital Budget to hire a consultant in 2020 to create a Marketing Plan for the municipality. This item will be part of the 2020 Budget Process and is conditional on its approval by Council.
- Mr. Michael Madden is in the process of creating a recommendation to Council asking that a development and marketing plan be developed for North Glengarry.

b. Educational Reform / School Boundary Working Group – Verbal Update

The Working Group met to discuss the boundary issue in Maxville which has been an ongoing concern since 2008. This has a strong impact on the viability of Glengarry District High School which is losing students to Tagwi High School. The Working Group reached out to Maxville parents and had 20 people attend a meeting to discuss the issue and from which a strategic plan ensued. The Plan will officially launch on October 12th.

One of the concerns is the need to reestablish the former boundaries for the school's catchment area back to those of 2008.

Mr. Jeff Manley advised that Council passed a motion this week asking for a stipulation that the economic impact of communities be considered during a Pupil Accommodation Review. The resolution has been sent to 444 municipalities in Ontario, as well as MPP Jim McDonell and the Ministry of Education.

Ms. Carma Williams brief the Committee on the fact that educational reform has been listed as the second priority for the SDG County Council to work on, making it a strategic priority for the entire region.

This endeavor is being supported by MPP McDonell and there is a possibility of introducing it as a provincial pilot for educational reform through the creation of a broad-region project, encompassing nearly the entire Upper Canada School Board basin.

c. Electoral Districts

The electoral districts review is performed automatically following the 10-year census. The consultation period will be starting soon, during the “period for public input”. Staff will circulate the email containing information on the review process for electoral district.

d. Population and Maintenance of Community Assets Listing (Document attached)

See attached references.

9) PENDING BUSINESS

None

10) CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Key Information Report – Economic Development Update

A detail updated was presented by Ms. Tara Kirkpatrick, the Township’s Economic Development and Communications Officer.

11) NEXT MEETING

The next Community Development Committee will take place on October 30, 2019 at the Sandfield Centre (102 Derby Street W., Alexandria).

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm by Michael Madden

Carma Williams
Chair