



Community Development Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Meeting through ZOOM

PRESENT: Carma Williams, Chair
Michael Madden, Councillor
Jeff Manley, Councillor
Brenda Noble, Councillor
Gina Dragone, Community Representative
David Filion, Community Representative
Rory Levert, Community Representative
Sarah Huskinson, Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk
Anne Leduc, Director – Community Services / Recording Secretary
Natalie Charette, Economic Development and Communications Coordinator
Darrell Cox, Development and Marketing Coordinator

REGRETS: Dean MacGillivray, Community Representative

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 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

None

4) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: David Filion

THAT the agenda for the Community Development Committee for April 28, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

5) ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved by: Brenda Noble

Seconded by: Rory Levert

THAT the minutes of the April 28 2021 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. Educational Reform / School Boundary Working Group

The 3rd meeting that was held recently and the consultant, Monika Ferenczy, shared novel approaches such as contesting the constitution on the basis that students are not funded at the same level as others. There are some difficulties with this approach including a very long legal battle and pitting different cultural groups against each other. Another proposal is that schools become hubs and all of the usage is recognized as publically funded tangible assets (e.g., daycare and adult education). The last is program equity to ensure that schools have the same offerings. The consultant has stressed the lack of marketing to attract young families and new immigrants

Items that were brought forward as part of discussions, but that have been set aside are:

- The creation of new school closure guidelines to include discussions with municipalities, public consultation, and the value for students.
- Usage of space to ensure that all space options are explored before a child is bused out of their community.
- Transportation, which is a mandatorily attributed to the student.
- Quality of education which needs to be addressed including synchronicity in timetables and busing,

A letter has been shared with the SDG CAO outlining the omissions and a request that the consultant receive more guidance / assistance throughout the process to ensure its success.

b. Alexandria Lagoon

The new Director of Public Works will be preparing a Request for Proposal for engineering services for the lagoon upgrades.

c. IHA Project

The review of the site plan was performed by JL Richards and comments will be reviewed by Ms. Sarah Huskinson and Mr. Jacob Rheame. The documents were sent to EVB Engineering so that the

requirements for the site are taken into consideration as they prepare the Master Servicing Plan for Alexandria. The site plan shows approximately 100 units for Phase 1 and 2.

d. Development and Marking Coordinator Update

Mr. Darrell Cox provided an overview of the consultations he has had on infill and development properties. Darrell indicated that the Development Advisory Team will be meeting with a developer on Thursday to discuss a property in Alexandria.

The Development Information Package is scheduled to be sent by early next week given that the Town Hall was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Staff will be contacting the owner of the property on Power Dam Road to discuss severance of the commercial property from the large residential property.

e. Economic Development Update

Ms. Natalie Charette shared information on work performed over the last month on Community Improvement Plan and Regional Incentive Program applications and expressions of interest, information shared to businesses and community groups, the creation of new social media accounts on Instagram and Twitter, press releases for the municipality and the production of the monthly newsletter.

Natalie confirmed that short videos will also be produced to feature municipal employees and the work that is being done around the Township.

9) PENDING BUSINESS

None

10) CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

None

11) NEXT MEETING June 30, 2021 at 3 pm by Zoom

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm by Michael Madden

Carma Williams
Chair