

Community Development Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 25 at 3:00 pm Meeting through ZOOM

PRESENT: Carma Williams, Chair

Jeff Manley, Councillor Brenda Noble, Councillor

Gina Dragone, Community Representative David Filion, Community Representative Rory Levert, Community Representative

Dean MacGillivray, 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: Michael Madden, Councillor

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 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: Brenda Noble

THAT the agenda for the Community Development Committee for August 25, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

5) ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved by: Rory Levert Seconded by: David Filion

THAT the minutes of the June 30, 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
This item will be discussed at the next Community Development Committee Meeting.

b. Alexandria Lagoon

CAO Sarah Huskinson updated the members on the status of the Engineering Request for Proposals for the Alexandria Lagoon. At this time, the lagoon project does not qualify for any of the various grants that are available though Ms. Huskinson advised that the first phase of seven would most likely be funded internally.

c. IHA Project

Ms. Huskinson indicated that she had a meeting with Steve Grieveson and Will Ball regarding the site plans that had been received for the IHA project. Comments were sent back to the group after the first round of review. Under the present terms, the road network would belong to IHA as well as any future maintenance. The final version of the site plan is expected early in September.

Mr. David Fillion asked if there was any idea for a timeline on construction. Ms. Huskinson indicated that the project is moving through its various steps with the zoning amendment now complete and the work on the site plan which will eventually lead to a site plan agreement. IHA is incorporating green technology into their project which also adds another layer of complexity. Ms. Huskinson advised that the processes for the second and subsequent phases would go much quicker given that IHA and staff will have a better framework to work from when Phase 1 will be initiated.

Staff will be looking into performance penalties and bond deposits on the project.

d. Development and Marking Coordinator Update

Mr. Darrell Cox indicated that Mr. Jim MacEwen is now the lead on the Maxville MacEwen property and that he will be following up regularly with Mr. MacEwen. This property will be included in the Collier tour being organized by SDG Counties.

Mr. David Filion indicated that it would be important to have a strategy to develop housing that would be attractive to families.

During Mr. Cox' conversation with Mr. MacEwen, it was mentioned in passing that they were exploring a change of zoning for another property that is owned by the group.

It was suggested by Mr. Dean MacGillivray that staff explore Long Sault to see how residential development has grown in that area over the years.

There were discussions on moving a marketing strategy forward.

e. Economic Development Update

Ms. Natalie Charette discussed Business Retention tactics, new businesses, youth retention opportunities, workforce development training, and other on-going projects in the municipality. She also indicated that that there has been renewed interest in the Community Improvement Plan over the summer but that most of the submissions will occur in the Spring 2022.

9) PENDING BUSINESS

None

10) CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

None

11) NEXT MEETING – September 29, 2021 at 3 pm at the Sandfield Centre at Island Park.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 by Brenda Noble.

Carma Williams
Chair