



## Community Development Committee

### MINUTES

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 3:00 pm  
Council Chambers – Township Office  
3720 County Road 34  
Alexandria ON K0C 1A0

**PRESENT:** Jamie MacDonald, Mayor & Chair  
Carma Williams, Deputy Mayor  
Michael Madden, Councillor  
Gina Dragone, Community Representative  
Rory Levert, Community Representative  
Dean MacGillivray, Community Representative  
Chris McPherson, Community Representative  
Joanne Pratt, Community Representative  
Sarah Huskinson, Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk  
Anne Leduc, Director – Community Services / Recording Secretary  
Natalie Charette, Economic Development and Communications Coordinator

### REGRETS:

#### 1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by the Chair.

#### 2) DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

#### 3) ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR AMENDMENTS

8 a) French immersion boundary issues

#### 4) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Moved by: Michael Madden**

**Seconded by: Rory Levert**

THAT the agenda for the Community Development Committee for May 31, 2023 be adopted as amended.

**Carried.**

#### 5) ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

**Moved by: Dean MacGillivray**

**Seconded by: Michael Madden**

THAT the minutes of the March 29, 2023 Community Development Committee meeting be accepted as proposed.

**Carried.**

**6) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no new business arising from the minutes.

**7) DELEGATIONS**

None

**8) AGENDA ITEMS**

**a. Education Reform / School Boundary Working Group**

An email was received from Mrs. Jessica Blaney regarding her concerns about the school situation in Maxville. Mrs. Carma Williams has responded back to Mrs. Blaney and advised that the Maxville school situation has been of great importance to Council as shown by the many efforts over the years, including the changes to PAR to allow students to choose between Tagwi and GDHS.

Mr. Dean MacGillivray indicated that the next step would be to choose immersion within their stream which might encourage students to go to Laggan and then to GDHS. Mrs. Williams indicated that this should be a second option after working on obtaining immersion for Maxville.

Mr. Jamie MacDonald added that the sod turning for the Maxville developments would be a good way to increase interest in having immersion in Maxville.

Mr. Jeff Manley has been appointed to the SDG Education Reform Committee.

**b. Bill 97 and Draft Provincial Policy Statement**

A report from Peter Young to SDG Council dated May 15, 2023 was shared with the Committee members along with a joint statement from the OFA/Ontario's Farm Leaders on Bill 97 and the proposed Provincial Planning Statement.

Mr. MacDonald has indicated that there will be consultation in September. Mr. MacGillivray indicates that this policy is not detrimental to agriculture in North Glengarry. It may increase the availability of land for farm families to reside on property. Mr. McPherson indicates that there is no definition for a "parcel" of land.

Mr. MacDonald stated that the size of lot at the Counties is as minimal as they can possibly make it and this has been an issue that Council has brought as something that should be modified. Mrs. Williams also mentioned that a larger lot reflects in an increase in value which means additional revenue for the Township. But, intensification should occur in the proper locations where the resident has access to services such as lighting, water, wastewater, etc.

Mr. Michael Madden clarifies that this policy creates two lots in addition to the existing lot. There can be up to three homes on each lot which is a significant increase in densification.

Mrs. Sarah Huskinson mentions that this policy is for the Golden Horseshoe.

Mr. MacGillivray as states that this might be an easy way to bring people into the township and Mrs. Gina Dragone echoes that statement adding that the lot might be a steppingstone to home ownership.

#### **c. Working Groups**

Mr. MacGillivray is interested in creating a working group for development in Alexandria and Maxville to move development forward. It allows the group to meet as needed and to explore different options.

Mrs. Williams advises that the Committees in the Development and Marketing Plan provided for two committees, a Technical Committee and an Ambassador Committee. A review of the Plan is in order. Mr. MacDonald indicates that the Plan of Subdivision contains all of the information needed to move a development forward.

Mrs. Huskinson indicates that the role of the “Technical Committee” is to have a pre-planning meeting with a developer to ensure that the information is clearly shared and understood by all.

It was agreed that the working groups would on for a trial period. Staff will email out some proposals on what a working group structure would look like.

#### **d. CAO Update**

Habitat Home for Humanity. They are now looking at building a triplex instead of a duplex. Families are required to include children. The school boundary stretches into North Stormont and there is a possibility of families being from there.

The Master Service Plan is moving along and there will be flow data available for the Maxville project. Additional information will be available for the Trillium Landing project. This information will be included in the Development Charges study which is poised to move through the approvals process.

Mrs. Huskinson has a meeting with IHA at which time they will have an announcement that will expedite their project. The meeting is at the IHA site. The Township has been working with them on water and wastewater planning.

There is funding from CMHC for rental to own homes so this may be a possibility for IHA.

Delegations at Good Roads included one about gas infrastructure which might be a subject for a working group.

Mr. MacDonald read an email sent by the recruitment division from HGMH regarding the purchase of homes to house new workers to the area.

**e. Meet Me on Main Street Program**

North Glengarry is replicating the North Dundas summer events for people to enjoy live music, social and eat in three locations.

Dates selected are July 20<sup>th</sup> in Maxville, August 10<sup>th</sup> in Alexandria and August 24<sup>th</sup> in Glen Robertson.

Staff will be booking entertainment, food and drink for each location.

**f. Economic Development Strategy Outline**

The draft report on the outline for the Economic Development Strategy to Council was presented to the Committee. The 2016 Economic Development Strategy is being used as the foundation for the refresh. Comments on the draft report can be sent directly to staff. The final report will be presented to Council at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**g. Economic Development & Communications Officer Update**

Mrs. Natalie Charette updated the Committee on the following:

- Three files forward to the Regional Incentives Plan Committee and two were successful in receiving partial funding (Tranquility Acres and The Glengarry Market). Larkin Industries did not receive funding.
- The Alexandria and District Chamber of Commerce has a new board of Directors and Executive in place. Documentation was shared with the group which will be moving forward with a strategic exercise.
- Will be using the North Glengarry Flags to start a new low-cost online tourism campaign in June, asking residents or visitors to pick up a flag at the Township Office to take with them when they visit any local attraction, business or event and take a selfie with the flag, tagging us and using our hashtags on social media.
- Attended the Cornwall and Area Job Fair with Anne Leduc and the United Counties of SDG and plans are being developed to attend the National Job Fair in Montreal. The group is joining together on shared branding and ensuring that the persons have face to face time with employers.
- Working with the United Counties of SDG to create consistent message across the Townships.
- And many other subjects.

**9) PENDING BUSINESS**

None

**10) CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**11) NEXT MEETING** – July 26, 2023 at 3 pm in the Council Chambers at the Township Office.

**12) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm by Mr. Chris McPherson.

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**Jamie MacDonald**  
**Chair**