



Town of Aurora
Economic Development Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Time and Location: 7 p.m., Leksand Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Paul Pirri (Chair), Councillor John Abel (Vice Chair), Don Constable, Marilee Harris, and Javed Khan

Member(s) Absent: Rosalyn Gonsalves and Bruce Walkinshaw

Other Attendees: Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Anthony Ierullo, Manager of Long Range and Strategic Planning, and Samantha Yew, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Marilee Harris
Seconded by Don Constable

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2016

**Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by Don Constable**

That the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 9, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Matters for Consideration

None

6. Informational Items

**1. Memorandum from Manager of Long Range and Strategic Planning
Re: Economic Development Action Plan – Mid-Term Update**

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum. The Chair expressed interest in holding a meeting in October to discuss Committee initiatives.

**Moved by Marilee Harris
Seconded by Javed Khan**

1. That the memorandum regarding Economic Development Action Plan – Mid-Term Update be received for information.

Carried

**2. Memorandum from Manager of Long Range and Strategic Planning
Re: Bell Small Cell Pilot Project Update**

Staff gave an overview on the progress of the small cell technology pilot project, and noted that the Town is the first municipality in York Region to implement this technology. Staff advised that this agreement is amongst the

highest in financial value offered by Bell in Ontario, and the Committee expressed enthusiasm for the project.

Moved by Marilee Harris

Seconded by Don Constable

1. That the memorandum regarding Bell Small Cell Pilot Project Update be received for information.

Carried

**3. Memorandum from Manager of Long Range and Strategic Planning
Re: Activity Report**

Staff noted that this report highlights investor inquiries, business openings and business related events through the end of September.

Moved by Marilee Harris

Seconded by Javed Khan

1. That the memorandum regarding Activity Report be received for information.

Carried

**4. Extract from Council Meeting of June 28, 2016
Re: Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of
June 9, 2016**

Moved by Councillor Abel

Seconded by Javed Khan

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of June 28, 2016, regarding the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 9, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

7. New Business

Javed Khan requested an update regarding the status of a hotel in Aurora. Staff indicated that there is interest, and explained that York Region's forthcoming Development Charges By-law update could be a factor in the development of a hotel

in Aurora. The Committee discussed various aspects of the proposed Regional Development Charges By-law update, and potential marketing strategies.

The Vice Chair expressed concern regarding correspondence that was sent from several Committee members to the Chair. The Chair advised that the correspondence would not be considered during the meeting, and could be addressed outside of the meeting. A copy of the correspondence was provided to the Council Secretariat. Don Constable requested that a meeting be called by staff to discuss the correspondence prior to the next Committee meeting.

Don Constable suggested that the Committee be dissolved, effective immediately, due to lack of cooperation among some members. Staff advised that the Economic Development Advisory Committee is a committee of Council, and that Council approval is required to dissolve the Committee.

Councillor Abel requested that the Committee be provided with an update regarding the Cultural Precinct, and that the Committee have an opportunity to provide comment.

Councillor Abel noted that he recently came across articles regarding incubators, pop-up shops, and Ontario's Investment Ready: Certified Site program that could be of value to the Committee, and requested that the articles be circulated for information. He further requested that staff investigate whether these ideas could be used within the Town.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Marilee Harris
Seconded by Javed Khan

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

CARRIED

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless adopted by Council at a later meeting.