

Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2014
1:30pm
Council Chambers

Present: Tom Simpson (Chair), Larry Mitz, Tricia Sagriff, Rob Price, Bob Henderson, Doug Hunter, Wayne Hagerman, Jeff Bitton

Regrets: Lisa Wood, Carl Vandermeer

Call to Order:

meeting called to order 1:30 pm

Approval of the Agenda:

Price-Sagriff “moved to approve the agenda”. Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest or General Nature Thereof:

none

Approval of the Minutes:

Price-Hunter “moved to approve minutes of February 19, 2014”. Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

None.

New Business:

- Request for a Banner:

Simpson noted we have received a request to assist with the purchase of a street banner from the Madoc Village Vintage Cruise Nights Committee to string across St. Lawrence St @ Durham St on the evenings of the car shows (10). The approx. cost would be \$250.

Sagriff-Price “moved that Economic Development Committee agreed to pay 50% of the street banner cost for Madoc Village Vintage Cruise Nights”. Carried.

- Hosting Training sessions for area Tourist Information Booths:

Price-Hunter ” moved that Centre Hastings host the Information Booth Training Day at the Arts Centre and provide refreshments at a cost of approximately \$100.” Carried.

Old Business:

- Budgets 2014:

Simpson noted the 2014 Economic Development budget was reduced by \$6,000 to \$29,600.

- Topographical Maps:

Simpson noted CHSS students now have software and will present 2 options for our consideration at a future meeting. Discussion was to include local business establishments of interest including restaurants.

Henderson suggested selling maps to local businesses to help offset costs.

- Main Street Revitalization Action Plan;

A review of the Main Street Revitalization Action Plan has been undertaken. While much of the work has already been completed or is ongoing, the following recommendations were put forward for future steps to be taken

Hunter-Mitz ”moved CHSS be approached regarding developing a walking tour of historical buildings, including developing signage, plaques, and ‘footprints’. Carried.

Henderson-Hunter “moved Youth Unlimited be approached regarding developing a Youth Advisory Council”. Carried.

Sagriff-Price “moved that CHSN be approached about forming a local Welcome Wagon opportunity in Centre Hastings”. Carried

Price-Hunter “moved that downtown property owners of vacant lands be approached regarding permission to do some landscaping of vacant lots.” Carried.

It was also suggested Centre Hastings Council look into being on social media ie. facebook.

Continued review of the plan will be done at future meetings.

Announcements:

- Concerns were raised regarding impending road reconstruction of Durham St at Seymour/ Furnace streets this year and its impact on traffic.

Henderson-Price “ moved the Economic Development Committee encourages Council to ensure continuous flow of traffic during the road construction on Durham St so that business is not unnecessarily impeded”. Carried.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 16, 2014
1:30pm,
Council Chambers

Adjournment:

meeting adjourned 3:00pm