



Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC)

MINUTES

January 6th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 317 Brock Street West, Merrickville

Members Present: Chair Helen Canjar, Tom Belanger (Secretary), Donna Daw, Mike Zaversenuke, Colin Hurman, Bob Foster (Council Liaison)

1. The meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof: None Declared.
3. Approval of the Agenda.

Mike Z requested the following item(s) added to the agenda:

- Establishment of Sub-Committees/Work Groups

Moved by: Colin H, Seconded by Donna D.

Be it hereby resolved that the Community Development Advisory Committee does hereby approve the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

4. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Moved by: Donna D. Seconded by: Tom B.

Be it hereby resolved that the Community Development Advisory Committee does hereby approve the Minutes of December 3, 2019 as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Continue Reviewing DRAFT CDAC Priorities
T. Belanger presented the list of items that were submitted by the members for consideration in the development of a 2020 CDAC work plan. The items included the following:

- "Aging in Place" Resident retention through the development of affordable housing with supports for seniors.

- Younger More Diverse Population (promote starter homes and affordable housing)
- How do we support economic development/foster new ideas/create entrepreneurial opportunities for youth/business retention
- Growth and Opportunities of our Hamlets
- Development of a "land bank"
- Strong Agricultural Base (develop Agro Tourism)....

Members feel they need to balance their work and focus on the needs of the community with economic development. It is necessary to narrow the focus of attention on a few items for research and recommendations to Council for consideration.

A general discussion on both community and economic needs included other topics including transportation, affordable home ownership, business hub, high-speed internet and critical infrastructure of the community. Critical infrastructure and the inventory of land and businesses. What potential risks and opportunities are available to expand and replace any critical infrastructure if they suddenly close or leave?

6. Establishment of Smaller Work Groups

The members agreed that the following general areas of priorities will be worked on by members of this Committee in smaller groups. These are:

- Quality of Life: Colin H. (lead), Helen C.
- Housing: Mike Z. (lead), Tom B.
- Land Inventory: Colin H. (lead), Donna D.
- Critical Infrastructure: Helen C. (lead), Donna D.

Members have requested Bob F. to enquire about the possibility of extending the contract of the EDO position beyond the scheduled end date. In addition, Bob F. has offered to get information and clarify high-speed internet service in our area and the outcome of the cancelation of local transportation services.

Moved by: Donna D. Seconded by: Colin H.

Be it hereby resolved that the Community Development Advisory Committee does hereby approve the establishment of the four work groups charged with researching the priority areas and produce a report on the results.

CARRIED

7. Discussion re: Meeting Schedule

Bob F. will investigate the use of the council room on Monday's going forward.
The next meeting of the CDAC will be Monday February 3, 2020 @ 7:00 pm.

8. Adjournment

Moved by: Donna D. Seconded by Colin H.

Be it hereby resolved that the Community Development Advisory Committee
does hereby adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

CARRIED

p.p. Tom Belanger, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Belanger', is written over a horizontal line.

Chair: Helen Canjar