

Minutes
Ad Hoc Committee – First Impressions
January 15, 2013
2:00 p.m.,
Council Chambers

Attendees:

Municipal: D. Struthers, T. Molloy, J. Eagle
FICE: P. Holloway, G. Telford
Chamber of Commerce:
OMAFRA: K. Nolan

Regrets: Ashley Chivers, Elaine Windsor

Absent: Hugh MacLennan, Michael Rowland

1. Welcome by Mayor and Introduction of members.
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof: None
3. Adoption of agenda – Facilitation Agenda adopted
4. Election of Chair and Secretary – Chair: D. Struthers, Secretary: J Eagle
5. OMAFRA lead Facilitation

The group discussed the list of Opportunities for Merrickville, culled from the Picton presentation, as presented by K. Nolan of OMAFRA. (attached) In a round-table discussion the group reduced the list from 15 items to 7. The members then discussed the seven opportunities and provided possible actions and leaders for the items. (Table attached).

Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12 and 13 were removed from the list as they were deemed to be outside the jurisdiction of the municipality or the committee. An item regarding recreational facilities was added in response to a comment from Picton regarding the soccer field and beach. It was noted that the Picton tour took place in October, well after soccer and beach season however the item was retained for discussion. Items 10 and 11 were blended together as one item due to similarities as were items 14 and 15.

It was agreed the secretary would create a background information piece regarding the First Impressions Program and provide it to members for distribution to interested partners and stakeholders.

Next meeting: At the call of the Chair

Adjournment: 4:10 p.m.