



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of March 21, 2024  
25 Taillefer Road, Corbeil, ON

**PRESENT:** Chair Lauren Rooyakkers Dean Demers  
Sam Singh Stephany St. Louis  
Kim Rose, Deputy Clerk Jennifer Laporte  
Greg Kirton, Director of Community Service

**EXCUSED ABSENT:**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** None for this session.

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Rooyakkers called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion No. 2024-01

Moved by Dean Demers

Seconded by Sam Singh

THAT the draft agenda circulated to the Economic Development Committee dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2024 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **Acceptance of Minutes of the Last Regular Meeting:**

Motion No. 2023-02

Moved by Sam Singh

Seconded by Stephany St. Louis

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Committee held October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** None for this session.

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None for this session.

6. **Chair's Comments** – Chair Rooyakkers thanked everyone for attending and outlined that the majority of the discussion for this meeting will focus on the future of the Economic Development Committee, the Committee's mandate, and its viability as an advisory committee to Council.



## 7. Updates/New Business

- 7.1 Chair Rooyakkers extended thanks to John O'Rourke for his time and dedication to the committee and to the community.

## 8. Ongoing/Unresolved/Inactive Items:

### Motion No. 2023-03

Moved by Dean Demers

Seconded by Sam Singh

THAT the Committee defers items 8.1 through 8.3 to the next meeting and that items 8.4 and 8.5 be discussed together.

CARRIED

- 8.4 & 8.5 The Committee spoke to potential redundancies between the Committee, Council and Staff as economic development grows in the Municipality. A history of the Committee was provided by the Director of Community Services, who explained that the Committee was originally developed to facilitate the creation of the East Ferris Tradeshow.

Committee members are interested in developing more grass-roots type initiatives, such as an interactive map of community businesses, speaking directly to businesses about opportunities for funding (such as RNIP), ongoing volunteering and a variety of community engagement initiatives. The Committee is unclear on their role, and how introducing these initiatives would be received by Council.

East Ferris Public Library CEO, Jennifer Laporte spoke to the potential for partnership through the Library in the form of an economic development volunteer group under the Library Board.

The Committee also discussed options for moving forward, including an ad hoc/working group under the Economic Development Committee and/or a community driven volunteer group that would not have Municipal oversight.

No decision was made from this discussion. The Committee agreed to meet again on April 30<sup>th</sup> to further discuss these issues.

9. **General Follow Up/Roundtable Discussion:** None for this session.

10. **In-Camera (if required):** None for this session.



**11. Adjournment**

Motion No. 2024 - 04

Moved by Dean Demers

Seconded by Stephany St. Loius

THAT the Economic Development Committee meeting adjourn at 6:45 p.m. to meet again on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

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CHAIR

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