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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

A regular meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 in the Lower Level Boardroom (LL-C), Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM

Present: Councillor Ryan, Chair
Councillor Joe Neal, Vice-Chair
Councillor Bath-Hadden
Councillor Highet
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Yamada attended the meeting at 9:33 AM
Regional Chair Henry

Staff

Present: B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
S. Gill, Manager, Economic Development, Investment Attraction
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies
S. Jones, Manager, Data, Mapping and Graphics
G. Muller, Director of Planning
S. Munns, Director, Corporate Communications
B. Pickard, Manager, Tourism
P. Roy, Manager, Transportation Planning
N. Rutherford, Manager, Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Affairs
K. Ryan, Senior Solicitor, Corporate Services – Legal Services
M. Seppala, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
M. Stevenson, Manager, Administrative Services
L. Trombino, Manager, Plan Implementation
K. Weiss, Director, Economic Development and Tourism
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Election of Planning & Economic Development Committee Vice-Chair

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Planning & Economic Development Committee.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,

- (1) That Councillor Joe Neal be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Planning & Economic Development Committee.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,

- (2) That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

The Chair asked if Councillor Joe Neal wished to stand. Councillor Joe Neal indicated he would stand.

Chair Ryan declared Councillor Joe Neal the Vice-Chair of the Planning & Economic Development Committee.

3. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

4. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

5. Presentations

**5.1 B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development,
re: Planning & Economic Development Committee Orientation**

B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Planning and Economic Development Department and functions of the Planning & Economic Development Committee. Highlights of his presentation included:

- Planning & Economic Development Department Structure
 - Planning Division
 - Regional Policy Implementation
 - Statutory Approvals
 - Policy Formulation and Administration
 - Planning Advisory and Information Services
 - Economic Development and Tourism Division

- Investment Attraction
 - Agriculture and Rural Affairs
 - Marketing and Strategic Partnerships
 - Tourism
- Support Services
 - Administrative Services
 - Data, Mapping & Graphics Services
- Planning Division
 - Context
 - Roles
 - Responsibilities & Activities
- Economic Development and Tourism Division
 - Context
 - Roles
 - Responsibilities & Activities
- Planning and Economic Development Committee Information Binders

Staff responded to questions with respect to the Durham Tourism Strategy; Sport Tourism; the 2019 Ontario Parasport Games; the new Tourism website; the Durham Agricultural Strategy; non-residential development charges; affordable housing initiatives; and the Regional Broadband Strategy.

B. Bridgeman agreed to provide Councillor Joe Neal with statistics on tourism visits to Durham.

6. Planning

6.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

6.2 Reports

- A) Planning and Economic Development Achievements, 2015-2018 ([2018-P-1](#))
Report #2018-P-1 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Staff responded to questions with respect to the film industry and permits; 2018 forecast for new residential units; the Regional Official Plan Municipal Comprehensive Review; the Foreign Direct Investment Strategy; Toronto Global; the Business Retention and Expansion study; and the marketing of available land.

K. Weiss agreed to provide Councillor Joe Neal with information on the economic impact of the film industry.

Moved by Councillor Neal, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(3) That Report #2018-P-1 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Economic Development

7.1 Correspondence

A) Correspondence from the Township of Scugog, re: 2019 Budget Request – Part Time Tourism Employee for Township of Scugog

B. Bridgeman responded to questions with respect to the request from the Township of Scugog. He provided some background information and advised that a part-time tourism position was included in the 2018 Regional Business Plans and Budgets on a pilot basis.

Moved by Councillor Bath-Hadden, Seconded by Councillor Neal,
(4) That correspondence from the Township of Scugog regarding a 2019 Budget Request – Part Time Tourism Employee for Township of Scugog be referred to staff for consideration.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

There were no Economic Development reports to consider.

8. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

9. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

10. Other Business

10.1 GO Rail Service Extension to Bowmanville

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Joe Neal,
(5) That the Rules of Procedure be suspended in order introduce a new motion regarding the extension of GO Rail service to Bowmanville.

CARRIED on a 2/3rds Vote

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Joe Neal,
(6) That we recommend to Council:

Whereas, the Regional Municipality of Durham has, for nearly 30 years, supported the easterly extension of the GO Rail service to Bowmanville, which has included a crossing of Highway 401 from the CNR Kingston line (now owned by GO) to the CPR Belleville line between Thornton Road and Stevenson Road, with a terminus in Bowmanville, west of Regional Road 57;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Region of Durham Council requests the Provincial government and Metrolinx to confirm the commitment to extend GO Rail service north of Highway 401 through Oshawa to Bowmanville by 2024 and proactively resolve all pending negotiations with CN and CP rail, understanding that this project has substantial economic and environmental benefits, will spur significant public and private investment, will create much needed job opportunities for the community both for the short and long term, has widespread community support - including from the residents, business community, development industry, Durham's post-secondary institutions, commuters, youth, and the agricultural community - and is embedded in the land use, transportation and transit plans of Oshawa, Clarington and the Region of Durham;
2. That the Region of Durham Council further requests Metrolinx to keep the Region apprised of the status of the aforementioned negotiations and the progress of the overall undertaking on a regular basis;
3. That Town of Whitby, City of Oshawa, Municipality of Clarington, County of Northumberland, Municipality of Port Hope, Town of Cobourg, County of Peterborough and City of Peterborough be forwarded a copy of this resolution and based on their support of the GO Rail Service Extension to Bowmanville that they also request that the Province and Metrolinx stand by the commitment to complete this project by 2024;
4. That Region of Durham staff be authorized to engage the other stakeholders such as area municipal councils, boards of trade, and the local development and business community by providing them a copy of this resolution and requesting that they join their municipal partners in calling upon the Province and Metrolinx to stand by the commitment to extend GO Rail service through Oshawa to Bowmanville by 2024; and
5. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of the Province of Ontario; the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Transportation; Durham MPPs; Durham MPs; the Durham area

municipalities; David Piccini, MPP, Northumberland-Peterborough South;
the Chair, and the President and Chief Executive Officer of Metrolinx.

CARRIED

10.2 Retirement of Kathy Weiss, Director of Economic Development and Tourism

Chair Ryan thanked K. Weiss on behalf of the Committee for her service.
Committee members thanked K. Weiss and extended best wishes for the future.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 9:30 AM in the Lower Level Boardroom (LL-C), Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Joe Neal, Seconded by Councillor Lee,
(7) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM

Respectfully submitted,

D. Ryan, Chair

T. Fraser, Committee Clerk