

BROCK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009

MUNICIPAL OFFICE – 1 CAMERON STREET EAST – CANNINGTON
UPPER LEVEL COMMITTEE ROOM

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Attendance: Mayor Larry O'Connor, Christine Dukelow, Peter Prust, Kevin Ireland, David Rhead, Peter Macaulay, Terry Sellers, Bryan Shipp, Sylvia Pauls

Regrets: Robert MacDermid, Jay Yerema Weafer

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Mayor O'Connor and introductions were made by those in attendance.
- 2) Introductions were made by the members and they shared some of their personal history as Township of Brock residents, some business interests and thoughts on why they put their name forward to sit on the committee.
- 3) A review of terms of reference and moving forward it was decided that the committee would like an up-date on the Broadband project the Durham Region has taken the lead on for the Township of Brock. Also the role that Durham Region Economic Development staff have to advance the Economic Development needs of the Township of Brock.

Action: Mayor O'Connor to invite Marlene Werry to attend the next meeting.

There was keen interest presented by several committee members in the youth living in the Township of Brock and their future employment opportunities.

Action: It was decided that we would invite Cesar Caneo, Youth Outreach Worker from the Brock Community Health Centre to attend a future meeting.

Discussion around the budget allocation for the work of BEDAC from the Township as recommended by the BR&E was \$30,000 and \$10,000 was approved for the 2009 budget year. In previous years \$5,000 was budgeted for for Economic Development. Since little of the \$10,000 was spent it was reserved at the 2009 year-end and to be brought forward for 2010. **Action:** We will place the BR&E on the agenda of the next meeting for review and discussion.

The committee will request of Council that the approved minutes of the BEDAC meetings be posted on the Township of Brock website.

Discussion of the future consideration for making possible application to Federal or Provincial Grant sources was presented. **Action:** It was decided to ask the Durham Staff at a future meeting about this possible option for resources.

4) Appoint Chair: To lead off the discussion Mayor O'Connor as if anyone had an interest in position of Chair of the Committee. Further, he suggested that having had the opportunity to meet all the members of the committee that perhaps Bryan Shipp would be willing to act as the Chair. Rather than vote to appoint a chair with some committee members absent it was decided that Bryan Shipp would act as the Interim Chair for the next few meetings. This will to allow the committee to work towards the development of a work-plan.

5) Appoint Secretary to prepare and distribute agenda and perform minute taking: There was no member of the committee willing to volunteer to act as the Secretary and Mayor O'Connor agreed to take notes. Since the Council has not approved a business plan of the committee paid support has yet to be determined. Erin Lambert's name came forward as possible person willing to come to future meetings to act as the Secretary. **Action:** Mayor O'Connor was asked to approach Ms Lambert if she was willing to attend and assist the Committee. Other community members that had applied to be on the committee could also be approached should if Ms Lambert is unable to assist.

6) It was determined monthly meeting would be held the first Wednesday of each month and if need be additional meetings would be scheduled.

7) Other business: Thoughts recorded for consideration in the work-plan include. Where do we want to be at the end of the first year...Visioning Session...140 jobs lost and the recovery at Seeburns...role to encourage businesses to come to the Township of Brock.

Base knowledge of the Township of Brock municipal assets. The need to the BEDAC to assist and create community confidence. Broadband and Ultra Broadband.

Adjournment at 9:20pm.

(The next two meetings will be **January 6th, at 7:00pm** and on **January 13th** at 7:00pm a special meeting would be called for the purposes of creation of a work-plan for the BEDAC to present to Council for budget consideration.)