

**The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg**  
**Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**



Tuesday, May 9, 2023  
7:30 AM  
Council Chambers  
200 Broadway, 2nd Floor

ATTENDANCE: Suzanne Renken  
Dane Willson  
Cedric Tomico  
Councillor Bob Parsons  
Deb Gilvesy, Mayor  
Lisa Gilvesy  
Randy Thornton  
Steve Spanjers  
Jesse Goossens  
Kirby Heckford

Regrets: Andrew Burns  
Gurvir Hans  
Randi-Lee Bain

Staff: Kyle Pratt, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cephas Panschow, Development Commissioner  
Laura Pickersgill, Executive Assistant

---

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**Resolution # 1**

**Moved By:** Dane Willson

**Seconded By:** Kirby Heckford

THAT the Agenda as prepared for the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting of Tuesday, May 9, 2023, be adopted.

**Carried**

**3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were declared.

**4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Resolution # 2**

**Moved By:** Cedric Tomico

**Seconded By:** Dane Willson

THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Committee of April 11, 2023, be approved.

**Carried**

**5. Closed Session**

**Resolution # 3**

**Moved By:** Cedric Tomico

**Seconded By:** Dane Willson

THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee moves into closed session at 7:36 a.m. to discuss matters related to the proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to negotiations; and to consider a personal matter about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees. (Boundary Adjustment)

**Carried**

**6. General Business and Reports**

**6.1 Monthly Activity Update**

C. Panschow provided an overview of the monthly activity update.

## **6.2 Cayuga Rail Line Request**

C. Panschow provided a brief summary of this item.

### **Resolution # 4**

**Moved By:** Mayor Gilvesy

**Seconded By:** Dane Willson

THAT, in response to the March 10, 2023 letter received from Mike and Sandy Kloefer, Town Council supports the potential discontinuation of the Cayuga Rail Line East of Talbot Road to support Residential Growth in Courtland, subject to the allocation of additional industrial lands adjacent to the Cayuga Rail Line West of Talbot Road and within Norfolk County.

**Carried**

## **6.3 Community Video Project- Marketing & Communication Plan**

This item to be deferred to the next meeting.

## **6.4 Results- New Tillsonburg Residents Survey**

There were no questions regarding this item.

## **7. Planning Items Circulation**

## **8. Community Strategic Plan**

### **8.1 Town Hall Update**

There were no updates.

### **8.2 Affordable and Attainable Housing Committee**

The Request for Quotation for conceptual drawings has been sent to eight companies to bid on. The plans are to include the highest density possible as directed by the Affordable and Attainable Housing Committee. The plans can include potential for use of excess lands leftover from the old Special Events Centre property.

### **8.3 Boundary Adjustment Committee**

There were no updates.

### **8.4 Health Care Committee**

The committee is reviewing different incentives and models of care available in other communities as a way to attract physicians.

The Mayor and Chamber will be hosting four medical students for lunch at the end of the month as part of the Discovery Week for Western Medical Students.

## **9. Community Organization Updates**

### **9.1 Downtown Business Improvement Association**

There was a favourable response from the event held at the airport.

Turtlefest planning is well underway!

### **9.2 Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce**

The Chamber had the policies reviewed at the Ontario Chamber Annual General Meeting.

The Awards of Excellence is fast approaching.

The Chamber is participating in the upcoming entrepreneurial pop-up event with the Town.

### **9.3 Woodstock, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and Area Association of Realtors**

#### **9.3.1 Monthly Statistics**

D. Willson provided a brief summary of the statistics.

## **10. Round Table**

Staff to confirm the timing for Committee meetings moving forward.

## **11. Next Meeting**

June 13, 2023 7:30 a.m.

## **12. Adjournment**

### **Resolution # 5**

**Moved By:** Dane Willson

**Seconded By:** Councillor Parsons

THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting of Tuesday, May 9, 2023 be adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

**Carried**