

# The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg

## Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting

### MINUTES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

12:00 PM

Thompson Goossens Accountants Boardroom

21 Oxford Street, Tillsonburg

ATTENDANCE: Dane Willson  
Councillor Bob Parsons  
Deb Gilvesy, Mayor  
Lisa Gilvesy  
Andrew Burns  
Randy Thornton  
Gurvir Hans  
Randi-Lee Durham  
Steve Spanjers  
Mark Renaud, Executive Director, Tillsonburg BIA  
Ashley Edwards, CEO, Tillsonburg District Chamber of  
Commerce

Regrets: Suzanne Renken  
Jesse Goossens  
Kirby Heckford

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 12:00 p.m.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

**Resolution # 1****Moved By:** Lisa Gilvesy**Seconded By:** Randy Thornton

THAT the Agenda as prepared for the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting of Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 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:** Councillor Parsons**Seconded By:** Randy Thornton

THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Committee of September 10, 2024, be approved.

**Carried****5. General Business and Reports****5.1 Monthly Activity Update**

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

There was a discussion regarding contributions from community service groups in funding municipal assets.

The following motion was then passed:

**Resolution # 3****Moved By:** Dane Willson**Seconded By:** Randy Thornton

THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee recommends to Council to explore possibilities of having local service clubs be able to support in the construction or maintenance of projects to the Town and to investigate any barriers associated with such support.

**Carried**

**6. Information Items**

**6.1 Provincial Policy Statements Draft News Release**

**6.2 Provincial Planning Statement - Briefing Memo**

There was a discussion regarding the changes proposed in these updates and the potential implications.

**Resolution # 4**

**Moved By:** Mark Renaud

**Seconded By:** Randy Thornton

THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee recommends to Council that a letter be sent to MPP Hardeman, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Premier in regards to having equitable representation, for the amount of people the Town is representing, at the County governance level.

**Carried**

**7. Planning Items Circulation**

**8. Community Strategic Plan**

**8.1 Affordable and Attainable Housing Committee**

C. Panschow provided an update on the scaled back development the Committee is looking at for the 31 Earle Street project.

The County is drafting an expression of interest to determine preliminary interest in a scaled back development with potential ownership options.

**8.2 Health Care Committee**

**8.2.1 Minutes - Community Health Care Advisory Committee**

K. Pratt noted that there will be further developments coming out of the meeting scheduled on Thursday.

There will be clinic space available across from hospital at the beginning of November as the current physician is relocating downtown.

The Town continues to support the Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic application.

Oxford Ontario Health put out resources for the public to access on available regional supports.

## **9. Boundary Adjustment**

There was no further discussion.

## **10. Community Organization Updates**

### **10.1 Downtown Business Improvement Association**

#### **10.1.1 Report from BIA Chair**

M. Renaud provided a summary of the report and upcoming events.

Opportunity was provided to ask questions.

### **10.2 Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce**

#### **10.2.1 Report from CEO**

A. Edwards provided an overview of the report.

Opportunity was provided to ask questions.

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

There was no report provided this month.

### **10.4 Multi-Service Centre Report**

#### **10.4.1 Monthly Report**

R. Durham provided an overview of the report.

Opportunity was provided to ask questions.

There was a discussion regarding the promotion of resources to start up a business in Town. C. Panschow will circulate what is currently available on the Town's website and solicit feedback on any comments.

## **11. Round Table**

There were no new updates.

## **12. Next Meeting**

November 12, 2024 12:00 p.m.

**13. Adjournment****Resolution # 5****Moved By:** Mark Renaud**Seconded By:** Mayor Gilvesy

THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting of Tuesday, October 8, 2024 be adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

**Carried**