



Minutes of Community Development

Advisory Committee Meeting

January 15, 2018

6:30 PM

Town Hall (Council Chambers), Arnprior, ON

Present:

Chair, Lynn Grinstead
Vice-Chair, Tom Burnette
Citizen Member, Neil Caldwell
Citizen Member, Gib McMullen
Citizen Member, Darrel O'Shaughnessy

Also Present:

Lindsay Wilson, Marketing & Economic Dev. Officer
Jacques Benoit, Chief Building Official
Glenn Arthur, Director of Recreation
Janet Carlile, Museum Curator
Robin Paquette, Town Planner
Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk

Absent:

Citizen Member, Darrel O'Shaughnessy
Citizen Member, Dennis Turpin

1. Call to Order

Chair Lynn Grinstead called the Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed those present.

2. Roll Call

The Town Clerk called the roll with all Members of the Community Development Advisory Committee being present, except Citizen Members Darrel O'Shaughnessy and Dennis Turpin.

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. CDC001-18

Moved by Gib McMullen

Seconded by Tom Burnette

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting dated Monday, January 15, 2018 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

a) **Community Development Advisory Committee Minutes – October 16, 2017**

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b) Resolution No. CDC002-18

Moved by Neil Caldwell

Seconded by Gib McMullen

THAT the Community Development Advisory Committee Minutes of October 16, 2017 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

6. Presentations/ Delegations

Presentations

- a) First Impressions Community Exchange, Mayor Hal Johnson and Robert Tremblay, CAO Township of Whitewater Region

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (MEDO), provided introductory comments explaining the Town of Arnprior participated in a First Impressions Community Exchange (FICE) program with the Township of Whitewater Region. The MEDO explained participation in this type of program includes pairing up with another community to see what kinds of first impressions your community makes when people visit for the first time. The MEDO proceeded to welcome Mayor Hal Johnson and CAO Rob Tremblay from Whitewater Region who participated in visiting the Town of Arnprior and were in attendance to offer their first impressions about the municipality's services, tourist attractions, etc.

Mayor Hal Johnson, began by advising the committee that Whitewater Region was very impressed with the presentation that the MEDO and Town Planner brought to Whitewater, and they have already started to do some of the things that the Arnprior FICE group suggested. Mayor Johnson noted he was very impressed with the progress the Town of Arnprior has made in the last few years with their branding and marketing, signage and the downtown revitalization.

Rob Tremblay proceeded to offer his thanks to the CAO, MEDO, Town Planner, FICE Members from both Arnprior and Whitewater and the OMAFRA Representative who gave of their time to participate in this very worthwhile program. Mr. Tremblay provided a thorough PowerPoint Presentation on the visit to Arnprior attached as Appendix A and forming part of these minutes.

Mr. Tremblay concluded the presentation summarizing positive features encountered including; growth while maintaining small town charm, the downtown revitalization, Arnprior parks and waterfront potential, services, jobs and the Downtown Market.

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The FICE group noted potential opportunities for the municipality including cycling/tourism, waterfront and the opportunity to duplicate the downtown revitalization in other areas of the municipality, and with respect to challenges, Mr. Tremblay noted increased growth, the TownHall visitor experience, excessive signage on roads and possible disaster mitigation (flooding)

Both Mayor Johnson and Mr. Tremblay reiterated their very positive experience and that the efforts of the municipality in focusing on branding, active transportation, amenities and employment make Arnprior much more than a bedroom community.

b) Museum

i) Closing of the Time Capsule, Museum Curator

The Museum Curator provided a verbal report on the closing of the Time Capsule on New Year's Eve Day. The Museum Curator advised the wire mesh container was lined with a 100% cotton bag to protect the contents from dust for the next 50 years. Included in the capsule were aerial photos of the Town as well as photos of industrial, commercial, retail and residential properties on County Roads, 2017 newspaper (on a memory stick), some car brochures, housing prices, some currency, predictions from grade six students in the Arnprior family of schools, and a letter from the Mayor. The container was securely ensconced in chains and installed in the vault with an accompanying by-law detailing that the capsule was not to be opened until July 1, 2067. The Museum Curator offered thanks to those who contributed to the time capsule including Pat Muldoon who provided the aerial photography and Councillor Dugal who provided the photographs of businesses and residences along the County Roads.

7. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business

None

8. Staff Reports

a) 2017 Building Activity

Resolution No. CDC003-18

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Gib McMullen

That the Committee receives Report No. CDC 18-01-15-01 as information.

Resolution CARRIED

The Chief Building Official advised there were 175 Building Permits issued, in 2017, with an approximate construction value of \$15,120,055.00. Of the 175 permits, the residential development, included 36 Single Family Dwellings, 4 Semi-Detached (8 units), one 5 unit Rowhouse, 21 unit apartment building and 3 units in a converted dwelling with a total of 73 new residential units.

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The Chief Building Official concluded growth continues in the Town of Arnprior and it looks like it will continue in 2018 as there have been 46 building permits issued to date.

b) 2017 Economic Development

Resolution No. CDC004-18

Moved by Neil Caldwell

Seconded by Gib McMullen

That CDAC receive Report No. CDAC 17-01-15-02 entitled the 2017 Economic Development Update as information.

Resolution CARRIED

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer provided a PowerPoint presentation, attached as Appendix B and forming part of these minutes, highlighting the downtown revitalization is now complete, with a number of new businesses opening despite the construction. The MEDO noted the first season of the Downtown Market was positive, with vendors already wanting to confirm their attendance in 2018. The MEDO advised there was one vacant property at the mall, however, interest has been expressed in the unit and staff have been working with the leasing agent to develop the old Canadian Tire Property, as well as working with the industrial properties for excess space and/or land that could be severed. The MEDO concluded that with the focus for 2018 which includes updating attraction resources, launching a new retail attraction campaign, a RED grant to completing remaining Retail Demand Study Recommendations, conduct a Service/Employment Demand Study and the development of an Arnprior APP.

9. New Business

- a) House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development: Recommendations of report 10 regarding the preservation of Canada's heritage

The Planner provided an overview of the staff memorandum regarding the preservation of Canada's heritage, concluding that to help preserve Canada's built heritage, a tax credit tool is considered an international best practice, therefore staff is recommending that CDAC support the Standing Committees recommendations by providing written comment to the Minister of Environment, copied to the Minister of Finance and local MP as requested and making recommendation to Council to do the same. Following a brief discussion on the matter the following resolution was entertained:

Resolution No. CDC005-18

Moved by Neil Caldwell

Seconded by Gib McMullen

That CDAC recommend to Council:

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“That Council support the Standing Committees recommendations by providing written comment to the Minister of Environment, copied to the Minister of Finance and local MP as requested”

Resolution CARRIED

10. Closed Session
None

11. Adjournment
Resolution No. CDC006-18

Moved by Neil Caldwell

Seconded by Tom Burnette

THAT this meeting of the Community Development Advisory Committee be adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Resolution CARRIED