

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Minutes

Economic Recovery Task Force

ERTF2020-06

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Commencing at 10:00 A.M. – Electronic Participation

Economic Development Boardroom

Economic Development

180 Kent Street West, Lindsay, Ontario

Members:

Mayor Andy Letham

Deputy Mayor Patrick O'Reilly

Councillor Kathleen Seymour-Fagan

Councillor Andrew Veale

Bjorn Alfredsson

Tom Phillips

Jill Quast

Mark Wilson

Director Chris Marshall

Director Juan Rojas

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Letham called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. with the following members present:

Deputy Mayor P. O'Reilly, Councillor K. Seymour-Fagan, B. Alfredsson, T. Phillips, J. Quast, M. Wilson, Director J. Rojas

Staff Present: R. Mustard, J. Johnston, R. Holy, C. Sisson, R. Cowieson

Regrets: Councillor A. Veale, Director C. Marshall

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Seymour-Fagan

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Reilly

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 ERTF2020-06.4.1

Draft minutes from the August 11 Economic Recovery Task Force meeting

Moved By J. Quast

Seconded By Dr. T. Phillips

That the minutes of the Economic Recovery Task Force meeting held on August 11, 2020, be adopted as circulated with the following amendment:

Item 5.2 and 5.1 be switched to the order in which they were read.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

6. New Business

7. Focus Area: 1 Infrastructure Stimulus

8. Focus Area 2: Development Approvals

8.1 ERTF2020-06-8.1

Development Working Group update - B. Alfredsson

Progress is being made. The spreadsheet from the Planning department shows the complete overview of applicants and status of each application. Will also help with customer service.

Emily Turner is going to be the contact person/concierge for when larger site plans are submitted. She will work with the developer through the planning process.

Thanks to Richard and Rebecca for their work on this.

9. Focus Area 3: Business Recovery

9.1 ERTF2020-06.9.1

Round Table Discussion on Past Presentations and Future Direction

Our recovery will be different from pre-pandemic. Discussion followed as to what the Economic Recovery Task Force feels that they can do as immediate action in 2021 as well as long-term growth.

The downtown cores are a priority along with high speed and increased broadband across the area. Strategic plans are already in place for some of the long-term growth.

Determine skill gaps in the local labour force.

9.2 ERTF2020-06.9.2

Round 2 Working Group Meeting

All of those who participated in round one of the working groups will be invited to participate in round two. There will only be three groups. Discussion took place to determine those groups. The working group sessions will take place the week of September 14.

Things to ask the working groups are:

- how they are doing now

- what their plans are for next year
- their employment/resources
- what their plans are for 2 to 5 years

This information will be shared at the next Economic Recovery Task Force meeting.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Seymour-Fagan

That the Economic Recovery Task Force recommends for council to work with EORN individually to look at a local solution for increasing broadband within Kawartha Lakes if the current proposal that EORN has submitted to both the provincial and federal governments does not go through.

10. Correspondence

11. Adjournment

The next Economic Recovery Task Force meeting will be held on September 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Moved By Dr. T. Phillips

Seconded By J. Quast

That the Economic Recovery Task Force Meeting adjourn at 11:21 a.m.

Carried