



**MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH WEST MIDDLESEX
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019 1:30 PM
Council Chambers

MINUTES

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SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Economic Development Committee will meet in Regular Session in the Council Chamber on May 31, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allan Mayhew (Chair presiding), Doug Bartlett, Christa Cowell, Mark McGill

REGRETS:

Mike Sholdice

STAFF PRESENT:

CAO/Clerk - Jill Bellchamber-Glazier, Deputy Clerk – Sheila McCahon, Facilities & Recreation Manager – Steve MacDonald

ALSO PRESENT:

Rick Cowell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mayhew calls the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#2019-ED006

Moved by C. Cowell

Seconded by D. Bartlett

THAT the Economic Development Committee Agenda dated May 31, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act requires any member of the Committee declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of the Committee has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Committee and otherwise comply with the Act.

None declared

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

None scheduled

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2019

#2019-ED007

Moved by D. Bartlett

Seconded by M. McGill

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development Committee dated April 5, 2019 be adopted as amended.

Carried

6. VERBAL REPORT/DISCUSSION

a. Economic Development Committee Applications

Economic Development committee members were updated that three applications were received from the appeal for membership to the community. The next step will be to provide a report to council for their consideration of the applications received.

b. RED Fund Application

Economic Development committee members were updated that the RED Fund agreement has been executed and sent back to the ministry. The next step will be to send out an RFP inviting proposals for the economic development strategic plan.

c. RFP – Economic Development Strategic Plan

Economic Development committee members were advised that the Economic Development Strategic Plan will help to set the direction of the committee. Funding through the RED Fund program includes a consultant to develop an Economic Development Strategic Plan including review of existing Southwest Middlesex policies to help determine the gaps.

d. Development Inquiries

Economic Development committee members were advised of the following growth opportunities:

- Micro Cultivation Cannabis operation
- North Frontenac Telephone Company fibre optic installation
- Credit Union discussions with various companies continue
- Interest continues for available industrial lands

e. Roundtable Discussion

- John Street residential development
- Development Charges discussion
- Hoogendoorn dairy farm expansion
- Vegan deli and online food processing business up and running again in new location
- Discussion about construction if Main Street in the Town of St. Marys

7. INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

1. Business of Accessibility Handbook

#2019- ED008

Moved by C. Cowell

Seconded by M. McGill

That the information correspondence item is received and filed.

Carried

8. NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS (subject to change)

- At the call of the Chair

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Chair

Secretary