

**MINUTES
AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
February 4, 2019**

Present: Tanya Henry, Gary Albers, Wendy Onstein, Judi Buri, Lisa Severson, David Annable, Mark Primeau, Doug Malanka, Annette Simonian, Ray Morrison

Regrets: Karen McDonald-Hurley, Graham Houze,

1. Call to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Chair's Opening Remarks

- Welcomed, Judi Baril and asked her to introduce herself.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Judi Baril and Seconded by Doug Malanka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this committee approves the agenda dated February 4, 2019.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Wendy Onstein and Seconded by David Annable

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes as amended of this committee dated October 1, 2018 are hereby approved.

Carried

5. Disclosure of Interest

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Committee has agreed to stand down from the BSE for this year and agreed to promote the private show run by LG Approved. Dave Annable will accommodate our past vendors as best he can as a transition year.

7. Delegations

8. Correspondence

9. New and Unfinished Business

9.1 Mayor's Breakfast

- Mayor's breakfast will be held at the Grenville Snowmobile Club at a cost of \$10 on March 1, 2019.
- Theme: Staying ahead of the curve

- Mayor's from NG and EK have been lined up as Speakers
- MPP and MP will be invited
- Please register with Jeanette JJohnston@brockville.com

9.2 BR&E Update

- Augusta has three interviews to complete.
- The next step in the process is to compile the aggregate data and set a date for a task force retreat for 15 – 30 people. Council, Committee members, staff and area businesses will participate in the retreat to review and discuss the findings and develop a strategic action plan for economic development.
- The Retreat is confirmed for March 19, 2019 from 1pm to 4pm. Place to be announced.

UCLG Economic Development Update

- UCLG and the Corridor commission are working together to promote the industrial parks.
- Augusta is working with UCLG and the corridor commission to refine a checklist and marketing material for the industrial park.
- There is a regional cooperation for economic development, if this area isn't right for the business they will be referred to neighbours that might have a better spot.
- There has been a lot of interest and referrals.
- The BIC proposal is still ongoing and looking promising.
- The mushroom composting company is planning to open up in the near future.
- They are creating a buzz to keep it going

9.3 Round Table

- The CAO discussed the idea of hosting an Agriculture Matters Conference to discuss agribusiness issues to help create a relationship for success. Committee agreed it would be a good idea to help link people together.
- AguaWorld is still moving forward. They have purchased the land and are in the process of completing their ZBLA for consideration. if all goes well they hope to have shovel in the ground by Spring of 2020.
- Committee discussed the Provincial Tourism Survey. They agreed that it would be best for forward the link to the individual committee members for completion.
- International Women's Day is March 7, 2019. If interested please register with Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre.
- Curling Club had their Men's Invitational and it was a success and well attended.
- There is a lunch and learn series at the Brockville Power & Squadron. Email Gary if you would like to receive the newsletter.

- Judi Baril and David Beatty are heading up the Prescott Rink fundraising. There will be a Public meeting to discuss the 5 year plan on Feb 26 from 7-9 at the Ruth Emerson room at Prescott Town Hall.
- Lisa Severson discussed what is ERON proposing to get municipalities faster and more connectivity in the future. She is willing to give council a presentation that was given at the Ontario Economic Development Leadership Conference- Ontario Economic Refresher. The Committee will be invited to the meeting when this is arranged.
- The Township has a new Youth Advisory Committee. The Committee is intended to engage youth in our community.
- Send us any content you want us to circulate for our website and facebook page
- The Mayor reminded the Committee that the LGSBE centre has a new intake for Stater Company.
- The CAO will forward the highlights from ROMA to the Committee.

10. Next Meeting – March 4, 2019

11. Adjournment

Moved by Gary Albers and Seconded by Judi Baril

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee does now adjourn at 3:20p.m until March 4, 2019 or until the call of the Chair subject to need.

Carried