

**MINUTES
AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
June 4, 2018**

Present: Bill Buckler, Wendy Onstein, Karen McDonald-Hurley, Ryan Brophy, Gary Albers, Doug Malanka, Ray Morrison, Annette Simonian, Krista Weidenaar.

Regrets: Ron Whitehorne, Graham Houze

1. Call to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

2. Chair's Opening Remarks

- I enjoyed attending the SBEC small business launch

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Karen McDonald-Hurley and Seconded by Ryan Brophy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this committee approves the agenda as dated June 4, 2018.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Ryan Brophy and Seconded by Gary Albers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes as amended of this committee dated May 7, 2018 are hereby approved.

Carried

5. Disclosure of Interest

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

7. Delegations

8. Correspondence

9. New and Unfinished Business

9.1 BR&E Update

- Participation package went out last week
- Staff have set up interviews with businesses that have a connection with
- Other interviews will set up soon
- Part 2 training will take place June 6 for the leadership team
- Leadership meeting June 12

9.2 UCLG Economic Development Update

- Leeds and Grenville Counties and Principles from the Ontario Government had a tour of the Dupont site to familiarize themselves with what is there again.

- Although the site doesn't qualify for site certification, there is still a big interest in marketing the site and it's potential.
- The will continue to remarket the site as heavy industrial/commercial site and there has been positive interest.
- The Garden trail is going very well and there have been more bus tours (people have demonstrated an interest in 1000 island village having a garden in the garden trails.)
- The Counties have approved hospital funding to all three hospitals in the area. The Mayor agrees with the payments stating that hospitals are a vital and important economic driver to attracting and keeping businesses and people to the area.

9.3 Business Showcase & Expo

- Registration is now 68+ businesses
- Opening Ceremonies at 7pm Friday
- Prescott Journal will have a centre page layout of the table set up.

9.4 Business of the Year

- The Business of the year subcommittee will arrange to have a meeting before September

9.5 Corridor Commission

- Ray/Annette will arrange for the corridor commission to provide a presentation a council meeting. EDTC will be invited to attend.

9.6 Round Table

- There will be a focus group meeting at the library June 5, 2018 to discuss the equipment purchases for the lending library
- Mr Ling is moving forward with his plans to develop the windmill site as a net positive energy generating site.
- Committee discussed the need to develop a protocol/strategy on how to develop content and share information to the public in order to leverage the positive things that are happening, otherwise it is a missed opportunity.
- Committee member has noted that there is a petition circulation against aquaworld.
- Aqua worlds plan is to apply for rezoning mid-summer. He is aware that he needs a communication plan in order to get in front of any bad public comments.

10. Next Meeting – Tuesday September 4, 2018

11. Adjournment

Moved by Gary Albers and Seconded by Karen McDonald-Hurley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee does now adjourn at 3:00p.m until TUESDAY September 4, 2018 at 1:30 or until the call of the Chair subject to need.

Carried