



Economic Development Committee Minutes

January 13, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Glen McNeil
 Jennifer Miltenburg
 Tricia Denomme
 Sierra Lamb-Downey

Members Absent: Evan Hickey
 Joe Bernier

**The Economic Development Committee met in the Council Chambers at 82133 Council Line,
Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Glen McNeil will call the meeting to order.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None disclosed.

3. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION 1

Moved by Tricia Denomme
Seconded by Sierra Lamb-Downey

THAT the Minutes dated September 16, 2024 of the Economic Development Committee be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. **BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE**

4.1 2025 SLED Application

We have provided the Committee with the report prepared by Deputy Clerk / Communications Co-ordinator Kelly Thomson.

STAFF COMMENTS: We seek your direction.

ACTION: The Committee agreed to have staff prepare for the next meeting a proposal for submission to the SLED Fund elaborating on the idea of a "Stay Here" campaign for ACW. The outcome would be to highlight the hospitality/agritourism sector that is available in the Township.

4.2 Pathways Opportunity for Brookside School

We have provided the Committee with the correspondence received from Jodi Froud, Pathways Coordinator for the Avon Maitland District School Board.

STAFF COMMENTS: We seek your direction.

ACTION: Discussion determined it was not made clear who would be the appropriate contact with the school to initiate the program. Jennifer Miltenburg will connect with the Pathways Centre to determine who would be the most appropriate individual to make this happen.

4.3 Ontario Express Bus - Transportation Servicing Huron County to London

We have provided the Committee with the schedule for the OEB Bus Servicing Route.

STAFF COMMENTS: For your information purposes.

ACTION: Staff will connect with OEB on the possibility of adding a flag stop within the Township.

4.4 2025 Draft Budget

We have provided the Committee with the report prepared by Clerk Florence Witherspoon.

STAFF COMMENTS: That the Economic Development Committee approves the 2025 Draft Budget by adopting the following motion.

MOTION 2

Moved by Jennifer Miltenburg
Seconded by Tricia Denomme

THAT the Economic Development Committee approves the 2025 Draft Budget in the amount of \$5,000.

Carried

4.5 2025 Volunteer Appreciation Awards

We have provided the Committee with the report prepared by Deputy Clerk / Communications Co-ordinator Kelly Thomson.

STAFF COMMENTS: That the Economic Development Committee set a meeting date to review applications and recommends nominees for awards for approval from Council, along with a date for recognition.

ACTION: The Committee agreed to meet on March 31, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to consider the nominees for the 2025 Volunteer Appreciation Awards.

6. NEXT MEETING

We have provided the Committee with the 2025-2026 proposed schedule. The next scheduled meeting of the Economic Development Committee is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 26, 2025.

STAFF COMMENTS: For your information purposes.

ACTION: The Committee agreed to hold its next meeting on March 31, 2025.

Member Tricia Denomme advised the Committee about the Taste and Trails workshops hosted by the Huron County Economic Development Department. The first workshop is on January 31st.

Member Jennifer Miltenburg advised that 2026 is the 200th anniversary of the Huron Tract.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 3

Moved by Tricia Denomme
Seconded by Sierra Lamb-Downey

THAT the Economic Development Committee does now adjourn to meet again on March 31, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

Carried

Mayor, Glen McNeil

Clerk, Florence Witherspoon