

**Economic Development and Business Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 24th, 2019 at 5:45 p.m.
Township of Selwyn
Council Chambers**

Present: Diana Carter, Style Boutique
Dave Cavanagh, Homestead Creative Solutions
Rick Hickson, R&J Machine
Fred Koster, Bridgenorth Business Association
Erin McLean, McLean Berry Farms
Andy Mitchell, Mayor for Selwyn Township (left at 6:43pm)
Troy Percy, Napa Auto Parts
Donna Rork, Cottage Toys
Sherry Senis, Deputy Mayor for Selwyn Township
Pat Smith, Paluski Boats & Algonquin Outfitters

Staff: Angela Chittick, Manager of Community & Corporate Services
Meaghan Larocque, Economic Development Coordinator

Acting Chair, Andy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

1. Deputations and/or Invited Persons

Trent Lands and Nature Areas Plan

Julie Davis, Vice-President, External Relations & Advancement at Trent University, presented to the EDBC on the Trent Lands and Nature Areas Plan.

The Trent Lands encompass 1,400 acres and 32km of trails. A significant portion of this space will remain as green space, whereas the remainder will see new and innovative development opportunities, such as *Cleantech Commons*.

Cleantech Commons will encompass 85 acres and will become Canada's premier green technology research and innovation site, hosting a cluster of companies and start-up enterprises in environmentally-focused fields.

Other potential developments include a long-term care partnership with a focus on dementia, arena (in partnership with the City of Peterborough), conference

centre, sustainable village and additional student housing and accommodations. The Trent Lands and Nature Areas Plan map can be viewed by following the link below:

<https://www.trentu.ca/trentlandsplan/sites/trentu.ca.trentlandsplan/files/document/s/19-02-26%20TLP%20Illustrative%20Map.pdf>

Enbridge Gas Service Area and Expansion Overview

Brad Clark, Regional Execution Manager, and Mark Wilson, Senior Advisor – Municipal Affairs, at Enbridge, presented to the EDBC on the Enbridge Gas Service Area and Expansion Overview.

Brad discussed Enbridge's existing service area, the current projects and future opportunities found within Selwyn Township. Mark discussed the regulations that control the utility and how the feasibility of a project is calculated. A printed copy of the presentation was provided to EDBC members.

Dave Cavanagh asked whether, as part of the natural gas expansion to the new Kingdon Timber Mart location, there was any outreach done to the residences along the route.

Mark brought forward that the residences along the route were contacted regarding the opportunity to be hooked up to natural gas as part of this project, however oftentimes the timing is never right. Many residents may not be willing or able to make the investment to convert their home to allow for natural gas at the time the expansion is taking place.

Rick Hickson asked whether Kingdon Timber Mart would receive a rebate for the infrastructure costs if residences did hook up to natural gas as part of the expansion.

Brad brought forward that a business has the opportunity to have the Project Feasibility (PI) recalculated once every 5 years. If there were enough residences that decided to hook up to natural gas and their load was great enough, the PI calculation could increase to the point where a rebate could be provided to the business for the infrastructure costs.

Acting Chair, Andy Mitchell left the meeting at 6:43 PM.

Acting Vice-Chair, Sherry Senis continued the meeting as Acting Chair.

2. Minutes

The minutes of May 27, 2019 were reviewed for information purposes.

Moved by: Rick Hickson; Seconded by: Dave Cavanagh.
That the EDBC minutes of May 27, 2019 be received for information.

Carried.

3. Question Period

None.

4. Correspondence for Discussion and/or Decision

Information Items

The following items were reviewed for information.

- **New Location – Lakefield Youth Unlimited (email)**
- **Seniors Living Together – CBC Radio Broadcast (email)**

5. Reports

a) Business News

Meaghan Larocque provided an update on businesses in Selwyn Township:

- There have been a number of inquiries regarding the RONA location in Lakefield. A flyer can be found online which includes details about the property and the offering process. A copy of this was circulated to EDBC members.

6. Other, New and Unfinished Business

a) Task Team Updates

EDBC members provided updates on their various Task Team initiatives:

- Housing
 - Bill 108 is in effect, however details will be in the Regulations and there are none at this time.
 - Township's Official Plan allows for secondary suites, creates opportunities for more affordable housing. Bill 108 will expand second unit opportunities further.

b) Report on Septic and Three-Phase Electrical Update Requirements for Businesses

Report was provided to EDBC members as part of the agenda package.

c) Funding Opportunities Available

- Selwyn Township has applied to the Canadian Experience Fund (CEF) for \$495,000 in funding to complete Phases 2 and 3 of the Fairbairn Trail. This trail will be a fully accessible trail traveling along the unopened road allowance from Pinehill Road to Fairbairn Street.
- The intake period for applications to the Rural Economic Development (RED) funding program begins at the end of July. The Township is looking to apply to this program for the renovation of the second story of the Lakefield Police Services building to incorporate a fully accessible business incubator space.

d) Trent-Severn Trail Towns Program Launch Event

RTO8 / Kawarthas Northumberland will be hosting an event to launch Canada's first 'Trent-Severn Trail Town Program' on Thursday, August 22nd at 11:00 AM at Locks 11-12 in Campbellford. Everyone is invited to attend!

e) Invitation for Guests to be Completed

- Sir Sanford Fleming's Skilled Trades Centre
- Land Use Planning – Jeannette Thompson, Planner
- Flood Plain Mapping – Otonabee Regional Conservation Authority (ORCA)
- Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) Broadband Update
 - Scheduled for the Fall

f) Next Meeting – Discuss Chair/Vice Chair Positions

Sherry brought forward that it was agreed that Andy would act as Chair and Sherry as Vice Chair to allow the Committee members to become familiar with the meeting protocols. EDBC members will discuss the Chair/Vice Chair positions at the next meeting.

Community Futures Peterborough - IGNITE100 Competition

Donna Rork brought forward that she came in second place in the Ignite100 competition, hosted by Community Futures Peterborough. As a result, she will receive a \$25,000 grant to go towards the construction of the new Cottage Toys location in Lakefield at 37 Concession Street. This is the same location where Cottage Toys currently hosts their long weekend tent sales.

Young's Point Public Information Centre (PIC)

Selwyn Township will be hosting a PIC regarding the reconstruction of Nathaway Drive in Young's Point. It is being proposed that, as part of the reconstruction to the road itself, improvements to the public realm will also be included, such as sidewalks, street lights, etc.

- Wednesday, June 26th from 4:30-6:30 PM at the Linwood Model Home, corner of Nathaway Drive and River Avenue.

Town Hall Meetings

Selwyn Township Council members are hosting three (3) Town Hall Meetings in early July. Residents will have the opportunity to drop-in to any of these informal meetings to share ideas and chat with Council members. There will be a Town Hall Meeting hosted in each of the three wards.

- Monday, July 8th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre (20 Concession Street, Lakefield);
- Wednesday, July 10th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Ennismore Community Centre (553 Ennis Road, Ennismore); and
- Saturday, July 13th from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon at the Municipal Office Council Chambers (1310 Centre Line, Selwyn).

7. Adjournment and Next Meeting

- The next EDBC meeting will be held on **Monday, August 26th, 2019** at **6:00 p.m.** in the downstairs meeting room at the Township of Selwyn Municipal office.

Moved by: Erin McLean, Second by: Donna Rork.
That the meeting of June 24, 2019 be adjourned.

Carried.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.