



MEETING MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)
No. 12-21

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 3:45 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing

Committee Members In Attendance: Paul Brown, Scott MacKenzie, Filip Ivanovski, Neil Morgan, Thomas Sandor, Councillor Pam Wolf and Councillor Donna Reid

Regrets: Brian Punambolam, Mike Shanks, Erik Dahm and Darren Drouillard

Guests: Chris Wood and Tony Schmidt

Staff Members in Attendance: James Goodram, Trevor McWilliams and Ingrid Borges

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge was held via Zoom Video Conferencing. P. Brown welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 3:46 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Notice of Regrets

Regrets were received from B. Punambolam, M. Shanks, E. Dahm and D. Drouillard.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest from committee members.

Presentations

Chris Wood, Region of Waterloo International Airport, re: Airport Updates

C. Wood provided an update on the airport expansion noting they are currently in various stages of building 8 new hangars, there will be additional space for aircraft parking, an increase in size to the aircraft apron and increase de-icing area. The terminal building will be doubling in size and will include a new baggage system, new technology and additional staff will be hired. Renovations are set to begin in the spring of 2022. C. Wood shared that the airlines have been very successful with no additional tax payer support. He noted there could be an increase in services to the Caribbean and a possibility of services to the US in the near future. Flair Airlines has been hiring within the Region employing hundreds including pilots, flight attendants and maintenance and ground crews. Discussion ensued regarding ongoing noise complaints

and it was noted staff continue to address resident concerns. There will be several public information sessions to take place in November.

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by: Thomas Sandor
Seconded by: Councillor Pam Wolf

THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, be considered for errors and/or omissions.

CARRIED

Agenda Items

None

Additions to the Agenda

None

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Council Update

Councillor Reid and Councillor Wolf reviewed a few of the recently approved developments noting there is a great deal of growth lined up for the future.

Councillor Wolf shared that approximately 34,000 poppies were knitted by residents of the community for the Remembrance Day poppy art display.

Other Business

Councillor Wolf stated both Gary Berg and Tom Neil passed away recently. G. Berg was responsible for "Tubing on the Grand" and donated the profits to Rare Charitable Research Reserve. T. Neil served on the Committee of Adjustment for the City.

City/Priority List Items for Updates

a) North Cambridge Business Park

J. Goodram advised the \$30M invested on infrastructure continues to progress. The pump station is in place, the first phase of Intermarket Road has been constructed,

Allendale Road has been upgraded. The next phase of Intermarket road will service an additional 300 acres of employment lands in addition to the currently serviced 100 acres. It was indicated the City has site plans at various stages for over a million square feet of proposed industrial buildings. Angstrom Engineering has started construction of the new building which is the first building in this new business park.

b) Summer Road Closure and Patio Program

T. McWilliams advised the patio expansion program and the summer road closure that took place in Downtown Cambridge and Hespeler Village core areas was well received from the BIA and the community. Economic Development staff and the BIA are each reaching out to businesses and residents to conduct surveys for feedback to determine if the program will continue next year.

c) Development Charges By-law Update

J. Goodram explained there have been some provincial revisions to the Development Act and the City is undertaking a conformity exercise. The impact on the non-residential development charges is proposed as an increase \$0.04 per foot. A report will be brought forward to council in November regarding legislative changes followed by a staff report in the new year to discuss development charge exemptions in the core areas. A lengthy discussion took place on the financial incentive programs currently in place, types of development, construction costs, budget, property taxes and growth related expenses and impacts if the development charges are reinstated in the core areas. It was noted the last by-law update was in 2019 and that bylaw expires in 2024.

A brief discussion took place on the council approval for the development at Shade and Kerr Street.

d) EDAC Motions

Economic Development staff and Council members shared with the group the importance of EDAC. Council values the opinions of the committee and all recommendations are considered when making decisions on various projects that effect the City of Cambridge.

Future Suggested Presentations for EDAC

- a) Zoning By-Law (Manager of Development Planning)
- b) SRED tax incentives (ITC or Mentorworks)
- c) Economic Development Strategic Plan (2021 Project)
- d) Region Official Plan and Employment Lands Review (M. Sergi, Region of Waterloo)
- e) Community Attraction/Projects (S. Higgins, HIP Developments)
- f) Development Discussion (T. Gies)
- g) Growth and Intensification Study (L. Prime)

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Zoom Video Conferencing

3:45 to 5:30 p.m.

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Thomas Sandor

Seconded by: Scott MacKenzie

THAT the Wednesday, November 10, 2021 meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) does now adjourn at 4:28 p.m.

CARRIED



Vice Chair – EDAC



Recording Secretary