

TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS
Economic Development Committee
MINUTES

March 9th, 2022, 7:00 pm

Electronic Meeting (Zoom Meetings)

PRESENT: Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack (Chair), Chris Dietrich, Suzanne Darlaston, Councillor Sharon Jackson,

Staff: Todd Gordon, Municipal Project Manager (MPM)

REGRETS: Diane Larocque, Tracey Paris

Members of the Public: None

1. Opening of Meeting

Motion by Sharon Jackson; Second by Suzanne Darlaston:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Carried.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Suzanne Darlaston; Second by Sharon Jackson:

That the agenda for the March 9th, 2022 meeting be accepted as amended - Items added to Old Business,

a) Ongoing EDC Initiatives iv) June Event, and; New Business b) Teeny Tiny Summit - Review

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of Minutes

Motion by Suzanne Darlaston; Second by Sharon Jackson:

That the minutes of the February 9th, 2022 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried.

5. Delegations

None

6. Council Update Report

Chair Alkenbrack provided a brief overview of the previous Council meeting (February 22nd, 2022), including the announced retirement of the CAO, outdoor rink cover project, delay in the CCIC position, and updated landfill hours.

7. Financial Report

The MPM reported that there was no formal financial report and that there had been no EDC-related expenditures since the December meeting.

8. EDO Update

The EDO provided an update on various municipal projects, including the Kagawong River Pedestrian Bridge, and the Rink Cover Project, and that the Zoning By-law Revision project was underway.

9. Old Business

a) Ongoing EDC initiatives

I. Jabbawong Festival

Discussion included the scope of the event this year – 1-day or 2. Given that the break in things represented by the pandemic, consensus was to keep it to 1-day for this year. Further discussion on dates, potential story-telling participants, the possibility of vendors, scheduling, advertising & promotion, and the potential economic benefits. The Chair also raised the possibility of “New Horizons” funding for the festival, but further information needs to be

gathered.

II. Christmas in Kagawong

The committee has embraced this event for 2022. Discussion included # of days/timing/scope

III. Poetry/Art Boxes

The Chair discussed her research/investigation regarding sourcing some new appropriate, robust boxes (receptacles for participants to deposit their poetry and/or art work).

IV. June Event

Suzanne Darlaston asked the committee to consider the possibility/appropriateness of a modest community event – perhaps an evening event – sometime in June. There was good discussion about potential themes and ideas, and the committee agreed to discuss it further at the April meeting.

b) Municipal Marina Store – Angling Supplies - Discussion

The MPM indicated he hadn't yet had further follow-up with the marina manager on this topic, but was intending to do so and report back at the next meeting

10. New Business

a) EDC Budget 2022

Given the discussion under Old Business c), above, the committee deferred final budget discussion to the next meeting.

b) Teeny-Tiny Summit

We were running short of time, but Suzanne Darlaston indicated that she did take this summit in – the final one of this series. The committee agreed to monitor for the post-summit follow-up, which normally includes a link to video of the summit sessions, and discuss as appropriate

11. Correspondence

None

12. Information

None

13. Recommendations to Council

None

14. Next Meeting: April 13th, 2022 at 7:00 pm, Zoom Meetings

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Chris Dietrich.