

**Notes of the Economic Development Task Force (EDTF) Meeting Held on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Council Chambers.**

Present: Councillor Fred Fowler (Meeting Chaired by Councillor Fred Fowler, as Councillor John Inglis to arrive late), Councillor Inglis (arrived at 7:24 pm), Cyndy Bonello, Paul Thiel, Brooke Hawley – Manager of Community Development (MCD), Matt Walker - Economic Development Officer (EDO) and Lori Newman (Secretary).

Absent with Regrets: Betty Hunter and Dan Vaillancourt.

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof:**

None.

**3. Delegations:**

None.

**4. Economic Development Task Force Notes:**

Notes of the May 16, 2022 EDTF Meeting as approved via email by members of the Task Force and to be received for information at the June 30, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council.

**5. Business Arising:**

- a) Complete a monthly Business Profile for existing Businesses for the Township’s Website, Social Media and Council Meeting Agendas - Councillor Inglis and Paul Thiel.**

John Inglis completed the June Business Profile featuring Land O’ Lakes Petting Farm which will be presented to Council at the June 30, 2022 Council Meeting. It will also be added to the Township’s Website and Social Media accounts. Paul Thiel will complete the July Business Profile.

- b) Continue with Star Gazing Activities/Star Gazing Group and Update re: Potential Star Gazing Festival – Councillor Inglis, Betty Hunter, Dan Vaillancourt and Cyndy Bonello.**

Gary Colwell was present and advised that the 2022 Star Gazing Activities have been well attended. Gary suggested that “No Parking” signs are installed by the Helipad. The MCD will take care of this. He

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also advised that he is continuing to put together information regarding security and registration for the Star Gazing Festival. Cyndy Bonello will send Gary information on ticket/registration options. Gary Colwell, Councillor Inglis, Betty Hunter, Dan Vaillancourt and Cyndy Bonello will continue to work on this project and bring back additional information and costing to the next EDTF meeting.

**c) Star Gazing – discussion re: Events at the Pad (volunteers, overflow parking, helicopter arrival, incidents, etc.) and Usage of the Fred Lossing Telescope – MCD.**

The EDTF members and Gary Colwell reviewed the draft internal procedures/protocols for handling various issues/events at the Star Gazing Pad. Gary advised that members of the Astronomy Club will be trained to use the Fred Lossing Telescope but as of now only Gary and Rob Sutherland are trained. There was also discussion of key holders and a sign in/out binder for keys. This will be discussed further at the next EDTF.

Note: John Inglis arrived at the end of this discussion.

**d) Update re: Laser Pointers at Star Gazing Pad - EDO**

The EDO received a response from Transport Canada advising there are no permit fees for Application to use Laser Pointers at the Star Gazing Pad. The Application is pending and the EDO will update the EDTF as soon as a response is received.

**e) 2022 Business Bus Tour – EDO, Councillor Inglis (Chair) and Paul Thiel.**

The EDO, Councillor Inglis and Paul Thiel will plan an in-person meeting to discuss ideas for the Bus Tour for Businesses to attend other businesses throughout the Township in 2022 and provide an update at the next EDTF meeting.

**f) 2022 Mural Project – Confirm Locations**

The EDTF reviewed the submissions received from Artists for the Round 7 – 2022 Fall Mural Project (previously approved by Council). The EDTF agreed to accept all five proposals that were received. The EDTF discussed the locations throughout the Township for the murals to be installed in Fall 2022. The location of Murals will be as follows:

- Ompah Waste Disposal Site
- Crotch Lake Access Road
- Malcolm Lake Boat Launch

- Kashwakamak Waste Disposal Site
- Clar Mill Fire Hall Entrance

The EDTF agreed that the locations for each mural will be announced during the unveiling at the September 23, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council.

The MCD will contact the successful Artists regarding their acceptance and deadline as well as arrange to have plywood and a cheque for \$100 (as previously approved by Council) delivered to each Artist.

## **6. Communications:**

None.

## **7. New Business:**

### **a) Ontario By-Bike - bicycle friendly businesses – MCD**

The MCD and EDO provided the EDTF with information about the “Ontario By Bike Network” which helps cyclists find Businesses on the Ontario By-Bike online map when planning their cycling routes and establishes the Township as a bicycle friendly location.

## **8. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

**The next meeting of the EDTF will take place on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Council Chambers located at 6648 Road 506, Plevna.**

## **Recommendations to Council**

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the June 20, 2022 Notes of the Economic Development Task Force (EDTF);

And That Council directs the Manager of Community Development (MCD) to join the Ontario By-Bike Network to list the Township as a Bicycle Friendly location at no cost and to share this Network with local businesses, who may be interested in registering their business.

Received by Council on July 15, 2022.

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**Councillor John Inglis, Chair  
Township of North Frontenac  
Economic Development Task Force**