



The Business Development and Planning Advisory Committee (BDAPAC) Meeting

Grand Erie Business Centre

Monday September 30, 2019

Present: Mayor Hewitt (Chair), Councilor Rob Shirton (Vice-Chair), Chris Hibbs, Mike Lessard, John Edelman, Tauri Caputo, Phil Hauser & Kellie Stephan.

Staff: Mark Merritt, General Manager Financial & Data Services, Mike Evers, Director of Community & Development Services, Lidy Romanuk, Manager of Economic Development & Tourism & Breanna Beauchamp, Division Support.

Regrets: Garrett Eggink, Trudy Parsons, Art Bluhm, John Vanderzanden, Adam Peet

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Manager of Economic Development & Tourism at 2:01 p.m.

2. Rural Broadband Update

M. Merritt provided an update and overview of the Broadband project. Identified as a Term of Council priority, a Request for Pre-Qualification (RFPQ) was released in July inviting internet broadband providers to submit a proposal to install broadband infrastructure across Haldimand County. Four submissions were received and of the four, three vendors met the requirements outlined in the RFPQ and will move on to the next phase which is a negotiated request for proposal. Council recently approved budget to retain a technical consultant to assist in the evaluation in the technical portion of the proposals.

The committee members provided feedback on the project.

3. Industrial Lands Update

1. Lake Erie Industrial Land Stakeholder Meeting

L. Romanuk delivered a detailed presentation on the Lake Erie Industrial Stakeholder Meeting that took place on September 9, 2019. Highlights included an update on the servicing constraints including gas, wastewater, and hydro for this area. During the stakeholder

meeting, Ernst & Young also provided an update on their renewed strategy which was recently approved by their Stakeholders. There was interest from those in attendance to continue dialogue to advance the development opportunities of the lands.

A discussion then ensued.

2. Present North Caledonia Employment Land Project

L. Romanuk provided an update and overview of the North Caledonia Employment Lands Project that is anticipated to come forward for Council approval in the 2020 Capital budget. The committee was provided with details on Phase 1 of the project that will then be brought back to Council for a go/no go decision.

A discussion then ensued.

4. Adjourned at 3:26 pm

5. Next Meeting Monday November 18th, 2019