



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Economic Development Committee

December 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Facility Tour

Present: Stacey Zegers
Mike Russo
Mike Vanraes
Dan Soos
Pam Wardell
Ryan Statham
Bill Denning

Regrets: Shaun Szabo
Kristina Pringle

1. Call to Order

Chair Dan Soos called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Bill Denning

Seconded: Mike Vanraes

That West Elgin Economic Development Committee hereby adopts the Agenda for the meeting of December 9, 2024 as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures

4. Minutes

Moved: Mike Vanraes

Seconded: Bill Denning

That minutes of the Economic Development meeting on November 25, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

6. Items of Discussion

6.1 Resignation of Committee Member Shaun Szabo

Moved: Stacey Zegers

Seconded: Mike Russo

That the Economic Development Committee hereby receive the resignation letter from committee member Shaun Szabo; And

That the EDC request the Municipal Clerk to advertise for a replacement member, to join the committee, to be chosen by West Elgin Council.

Carried

6.2 Grant Received from West Elgin Council

6.3 Sub-Committees

Move forward with 3 of the 6 sub-committees for 2025:

1. Tourism & Recreation
2. Business Retention & Expansion
3. Marketing and Communication

6.3.1 Appointment of Chair(s) for Sub-Committees

Moved: Ryan Statham

Seconded: Pam Wardell

That Bill Denning nominates Mike Russo to chair Business Retention and Expansion committee; And

That Mike Russo nominates Pam Wardell as chair for Tourism and Recreation committee; And

That Mike Russo to nominate Kristine Pringle as chair for Marketing and Communication committee.

Carried

6.4 Donation to Women in Business

Moved: Mike Vanraes

Seconded: Bill Denning

That the Economic Development Committee allocate \$2000 , from the West Elgin Community Grant Donation to the Woman in Business committee to put towards the West Elgin Business Showcase; And

That Pam Wardell to be the liaison between the EDC and Woman in Business Committee to attend the January meeting.

Carried

7. Adjournment

At the next EDC meeting January 13, 2025 at Natterjack, it was decided that we will further discuss and formalize the committee structure and determine committee membership. Make a goal for Q1 to achieve creating a map and business directory.

Moved: Pam Wardell

Seconded: Mike Russo

That the West Elgin Economic Development Committee hereby adjourn at 8:32 p.m. to meet again on Monday, January 13, 2025, at Natterjack Brewery, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Dan Soos, Chair

Stacey Zegers, Recording Secretary