



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting

October 5, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

West Elgin Community Complex - Hybrid Meeting

160 Main Street

West Lorne

Electronic Hybrid Meeting

Present:
Mayor D. McPhail
Deputy Mayor R. Leatham
Councillor T. Tellier
Councillor A. Cammaert
Councillor B. Rowe

Staff Present:
M. Badura, CAO/Treasurer
J. Nethercott, Clerk
L. Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services
B. Pearce, Planner

Also Present:
P. Kennedy, Dillon Consulting Limited
K. Martel, Dillon Consulting Limited
Z. Sotirakos, Dillon Consulting Limited
E. Karvinen, Watson and Associates

1. Call to Order

Mayor McPhail called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole adopt the agenda as circulated.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures.

4. Official Plan Background Study and Report

Moved: Councillor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Rowe

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby receives the report from Bryan Pearce, Planner, regarding New Official Plan Project – Background Report (Planning Report 2021-30) for information purposes; and

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole receive the New Official Plan Background Review, Issues and Opportunities Report, dated September 13, 2021, as contained within Appendix One of this report, Planning Report 2021-30, for information purposes.

Carried

5. Dillon Consulting and Watson and Associates Presentation on Official Plan Background Study

Representatives from Dillion Consulting and Watsons and Associated presented a PowerPoint overview of the work that has been done on the new Official Plan to this point.

Mr. Kennedy inquired as to what the issues that each Council member has been hearing and want to see addressed in the new Official Plan.

Mayor McPhail stated that like many other municipalities West Elgin is struggling to provide housing for the industry to attract the workers they required to operate, and he would like to see a clear housing strategy included. Mayor McPhail also stated that the Official Plan needs to be written to cover the requirements of West Elgin, which includes policies to expand waterlines and entice development of appropriately zoned lands that owners are just sitting on.

Councillor Tellier stated that she would like to policies that attract a mix of housing developments and secondary dwellings to keep housing affordable. Councillor Tellier also stated that attracting cultural and recreational amenities can help attract and retain residents.

Councillor Rowe stated that she would like to see strong statement to prevent industrial wind farms and clarify the policies around wind turbines and green energy. Councillor Rowe would also like to see updated information around Cannabis production and sales.

Deputy Mayor Leatham stated that enticing housing development needs to be a priority.

6. Adjournment

Moved: Deputy Mayor Leatham

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby adjourn at 4:56 pm to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Duncan McPhail, Mayor

Jana Nethercott, Clerk