Minutes

The Blue Mountains

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Date:	**June 16, 2025**
Time:	**11:00 a.m.**
Location:	**Virtual Meeting, Teams**
	Prepared By:
	Carrie Fairley, Acting Deputy Clerk
Members Present:	John Ardiel, Paul Sandiford, Pamela Spence, Michael Thompson, Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Councillor Gail Ardiel, Councillor Paula Hope, David Thomson
Members Absent:	Patti Kendall
Staff Present:	Director of Strategic Initiatives, Tim Hendry

A. Call to Order

A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement and Moment of Reflection

We would like to begin our meeting by recognizing the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples of Canada as traditional stewards of the land. The municipality is located within the boundary of Treaty 18 region of 1818 which is the traditional land of the Anishnaabek, Haudenosaunee and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples.

A.2 Committee Member Attendance

Deputy Mayor Bordignon called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Acting Deputy Clerk Carrie Fairley noted that all members of the Economic Development Advisory Committee were in attendance, virtually save and except for Member Patti Kendall

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Paula Hope
Seconded by: Councillor Gail Ardiel

THAT the Agenda of June 16, 2025 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda being an addition at Agenda Item F1 Update on Working Groups

Yay (8): John Ardiel, Paul Sandiford, Pamela Spence, Michael Thompson, Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Councillor Gail Ardiel, Councillor Paula Hope, and David Thomson

Absent (1): Patti Kendall

The motion is Carried (8 to 0)

A.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2023-62, Council or Committee Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

A.5 Previous Minutes

Moved by: David Thomson
Seconded by: John Ardiel

THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee minutes of April 1, 2025, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (8): John Ardiel, Paul Sandiford, Pamela Spence, Michael Thompson, Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Councillor Gail Ardiel, Councillor Paula Hope, and David Thomson

Absent (1): Patti Kendall

The motion is Carried (8 to 0)

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

B.1 2025 Local Business Association Funding Program, SI.25.027

Moved by: Pamela Spence
Seconded by: John Ardiel

THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee receive Staff Report SI.25.027, entitled “2025 Local Business Association Funding”;

AND THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee endorses the 2025 Local Business Association funding allocation as follows:

- Blue Mountain Village Association: $5,000.00
- Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce: $5,000.00
- Clarksburg Village Association: $5,000.00
- Institute of Southern Georgian Bay: $5,000.00
- Thornbury Business Improvement Area: $5,000.00

AND THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee requests that Council consider the approval of the funding allocations at the July 14, 2025 Council meeting.

Yay (6): John Ardiel, Paul Sandiford, Pamela Spence, Michael Thompson, Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, and David Thomson

Nay (2): Councillor Gail Ardiel, and Councillor Paula Hope

Absent (1): Patti Kendall

The motion is Carried (6 to 2)

C. Public Comment Period

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2023-62, ten minutes is allotted at the Meeting to receive public comments regarding Economic Development Advisory Committee matters included on the Agenda. The speaker shall provide their name and address and shall address their comments to the Chair. Comments shall not refer to personnel, litigation or potential litigation matters, or regarding matters that are a follow-up to a Public Meeting.

Comments received by the public that have not been included on the Agenda will be read at the meeting by the Legislative Coordinator.

None

D. Matters for Discussion

D.1 Follow-up Direction from Council

None

E. Correspondence

None

F. New and Unfinished Business

F.1 Additions to Agenda

F.1.1 Update on Working Groups

The Committee discussed where each working group is with their work.

F.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

G. Notice of Meeting Dates

At the Call of the Chair

H. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Paula Hope
Seconded by: Councillor Gail Ardiel

THAT this Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting does now adjourn at 11:56 a.m. to meet again virtually, at the call of the Chair.

Yay (8): John Ardiel, Paul Sandiford, Pamela Spence, Michael Thompson, Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Councillor Gail Ardiel, Councillor Paula Hope, and David Thomson

Absent (1): Patti Kendall

The motion is Carried (8 to 0)