

Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 5:00 PM
Cane A & B, 395 Mulock Drive

The meeting of the Newmarket Economic Development Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 26, 2014 in Cane A & B, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Mayor Van Bynen
Regional Councillor Taylor
Jim Gragtmans (Chair)
Jim Alexander
Barbara Bartlett
Beric Farmer
Donna Fevreau
Rick Henry
Jim Lotimer
Paul Montador
Jackie Playter
David White

Members Absent: Michael Croxon
Ian Proudfoot
Gary Ryan

Staff Present: R.N. Shelton, Chief Administrative Officer
I. McDougall, Commissioner of Community Services
C. Kallio, Economic Development Officer
Chrisanne Finnerty, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Jim Gratgmans in the Chair.

[Declarations of Interest](#)

None.

[Additions & Corrections to the Agenda](#)

None.

Approval of Minutes

1. [Newmarket Economic Development Advisory Committee Minutes of March 20, 2014.](#)

Moved by: Jackie Playter
Seconded by: Barbara Bartlett

THAT the Newmarket Economic Development Advisory Committee Minutes of March 20, 2014 be approved.

Carried

Items for Discussion

2. [Post-Secondary Update.](#)

The Economic Development Officer advised that Markham was the successful proponent for the York University satellite campus. He advised that the Town continues to look at developing its own model for post-secondary opportunities and the Post-Secondary Working Group has continued to meet to discuss potential opportunities that may exist, including partnerships with the education or health sector. Discussion ensued regarding the post-secondary selection process and potential partnership decisions.

3. [Gigabit Corridor Economic Impact Update and August 25, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting.](#)

The Economic Development Officer advised that David Sandel, President, Sandel & Associates, will be submitting a draft final report to Newmarket by July 15, 2014 that will present the scope of work for a pilot gigabit corridor project in Newmarket, including the business case, rationale and recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding pilot plan area selection, timing of the pilot program and potential costs implications. The Economic Development Officer to provide the Committee with a copy of the report and findings provided by Mr. Sandel.

Moved by: Regional Councillor Taylor
Seconded by: Mayor Van Bynen

THAT NEDAC or a subcommittee of NEDAC, should quorum not be obtained, reconvene after receipt of the report from Mr. David Sandel in order to provide recommendations to Council regarding a Gigabit Corridor Pilot Project.

Carried

4. [Setting the Framework for a Renewed Economic Development Strategy: Review of 2010 Economic Development Implementation Plan and Outcomes.](#)

The Chair provided a PowerPoint presentation on NEDAC's progress over the past seven years and summarized the Committee's background, including the creation of the guiding principles and development of specific actions around NEDAC's five growth sectors. Discussion ensued regarding what has been learned over the past seven years, assumptions and opportunities that can be identified moving forward and what has changed over the past term. Next steps include a review of the current economic development strategy and goals, a review of the gigabit corridor opportunities and a presentation to Council summarizing NEDAC's accomplishments as part of a Gigabit corridor update at the August 25 Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Economic Development Officer also requested that NEDAC members consider whether they wish to continue to participate on the Committee in the upcoming term of Council and requested a response by July 15, 2014.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Moved by: Jackie Playter
Seconded by: Paul Montador

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Date

Jim Gratgmans, Chair