The meeting of the Newmarket Downtown Development Committee was held on Friday, January 29, 2016 in the Community Centre – Hall # 4, 200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Jackie Playter, Chair
                Barbara Leibel
                Olga Paiva
                Steve Whitfield
                Councillor Sponga

Staff Present: C. Kallio, Economic Development Officer
              L. Moor, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Jackie Playter in the Chair.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

The Economic Development Officer advised he has received a grant application by the Newmarket Car Show organizers and would provide more information under the New Business portion of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

None.

Approval of Minutes

1. Newmarket Downtown Development Committee Minutes of November 27, 2015.

   Moved by: Councillor Sponga
   Seconded by: Olga Paiva

   THAT the Newmarket Downtown Development Committee Minutes of November 27, 2015 be approved.

Carried
Items

2. NDDC Organizational Update.

The Economic Development Officer provided a verbal status update related to the organizational structure of the Newmarket Downtown Development Committee. He advised that a re-allocation of staff resources would place Ms. Cindy Wackett, Corporate Project Consultant, as the staff liaison for some of the Financial Incentive Plan projects. He further advised he would continue in the role with the current applications and new applications will be processed by Ms. Wackett.


The Economic Development Officer provided a verbal update with respect to the application and advised that construction of the development on the property known as 497 Timothy Street would likely commence in 2016. He advised that as part of the development approval process, the applicant is required to pay cash-in-lieu for a significant number of required parking spaces and the grant application request is to offset some of those costs.

Moved by: Steve Whitfield
Seconded by: Olga Paiva

a) THAT Financial Incentives Program Grant Application 2012-15 – Parking Requirement Program for the property known as 497 Timothy Street in the amount of $9,000.00 be approved;

i) AND THAT 1805619 Ontario Inc, 16160 Yonge Street, Newmarket, ON L3X 3L8 be notified of this action.

Carried

4. Financial Incentives Program Grant Application 2015-10 - Project Feasibility Study Program, 443 Simcoe Street and Surrounding Properties. (13, 15, 17, 19 Main Street)
The Economic Development Officer provided a verbal update with respect to the proposed re-development of lands known as 443 Simcoe Street along with surrounding properties. He advised that the owners have met with staff to review redevelopment alternatives for this block of properties. An architect has been engaged to prepare concept plans/elevations for an intensification proposal and the proponents are seeking assistance to offset those costs.

Moved by: Barbara Leibel
Seconded by: Steve Whitfield

a) THAT the Financial Incentives Program Grant Application 2015-10 – Feasibility Study Program for the properties known as 443 Simcoe Street, 13, 15, 17 and 19 Main Street in the amount of $10,000.00 be approved; subject to a pre-consultation meeting the Town planning staff;

i) AND THAT 2476478 Ontario Inc., 24 Fulwell Crescent, Toronto, ON M6M 5A1 be notified of this action.

Carried

5. Financial Incentives Program Grant Application 2016-01 - Multiple, 235 Main Street South.

The Economic Development Officer provided a verbal update regarding the Financial Incentives Program Grant Application 2016-01 – Multiple for the property known as 235 Main Street South. He advised that the property ownership has changed and the new proprietors are seeking financial assistance to establish a middle eastern themed restaurant. He further advised that the owners are exploring their options associated with front and rear façade works which will require Lower Main Street South Heritage Conservation District Advisory Group approval prior to possible future funding applications.

Moved by: Steve Whitfield
Seconded by: Barbara Leibel

a) THAT the Project Feasibility Study Program Grant Application 2016-01 – Multiple for the property known as 235 Main Street South in the amount of $2,500.00 be approved;

i) AND THAT the Interior Renovation and Improvement Program Grant Application in the amount of $15,000.00 be approved;
ii) AND THAT the Planning and Building Fees Rebate/Credit Program Grant Application in the amount of $1,173.75 be approved;

iii) AND THAT 2490278 Ontario Inc., 171 Ward Avenue, Sharon, ON L0G 1V0 be notified of this action.

Carried

New Business

a) The Economic Development Officer advised that he has received a grant application request for $2,000.00 by the organizers of the Newmarket Car Show for an event scheduled in summer, 2016.

Moved by: Councillor Sponga
Seconded by Olga Paiva

a) THAT an amount of $2,000.00 be approved and provided to the organizers of the Car Show for a summer, 2016 event.

Carried

b) Councillor Sponga suggested that with respect to Financial Incentives Program Grant Application 2015-10 - Project Feasibility Study Program, 443 Simcoe Street and Surrounding Properties - (13, 15, 17, 19 Main Street) that the owners attend a future NDDC meeting and provide a presentation of proposed intentions related to the re-development of the block of properties.

c) Councillor Sponga requested a status update regarding the oversight associated with the window/door installation on the property known as 209 Main Street South (Little Brew Hops). The Economic Development Officer advised that the matter with respect to the window/door installation has been resolved.

d) The Economic Development Officer provided a status update with respect to the Outdoor Patio Project and advised that the program has now been expanded to include one more application. He further advised that he has set a timeline of March 1, 2016 to inform the successful applicants. Discussion ensued regarding some of the outdoor patio project criteria details.
Adjournment

Moved by: Olga Paiva
Seconded by: Councillor Sponga

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Date

Jackie Playter, Chair