

The meeting of the Newmarket Downtown Development Committee was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 in Hall # 4 of the Community Centre - 200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket.

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

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

Guests: Athol Hart
Glenn Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 2:19 p.m.

Jackie Playter in the Chair.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

The Economic Development Officer advised of an addition to the agenda being a Community Grant Application for consideration.

Declarations of Interest

Olga Paiva advised that due to ongoing litigation, she would not be participating in any discussion or voting pertaining to Item 2 of the agenda, due to a conflict of interest regarding the use of the lane easement as outlined in the statement of claim issued to neighbouring properties, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Town of Newmarket in April 2014.

Approval of Minutes

1. Newmarket Downtown Development Committee Minutes of April 29, 2016.

Moved by: Steve Whitfield

Seconded by: Barbara Leibel

a) THAT the Newmarket Downtown Development Committee Minutes of June 24, 2016 be approved.

Carried

Items

2. Financial Incentives Program Grant Application 2016-04 – Interior Renovation and Improvement Program and Planning and Building Fees Rebate/Credit Program – 352 Doug Duncan Drive.

The Economic Development Officer provided a verbal update regarding Financial Incentives Program Grant Application 2016-04 and advised that the owner of the building intends to make interior renovations for a restaurant with a game playing theme (i.e. – board games, bocce, shuffleboard etc.) and is seeking financial assistance for the renovations as well as planning and building fees rebate/credit program.

Moved by: Barbara Leibel

Seconded by: Councillor Kwapis

a) THAT the Interior Renovation and Improvement Program in the amount of \$15,000.00 be approved;

i) AND THAT the Planning and Building Fees Rebate/Credit Program in the amount of \$227.50 be approved;

ii) AND THAT Snackmrkt Inc., 299 Court Street, Newmarket, ON L3Y 3S6 be notified of this action.

Carried

Olga Paiva took no part in the discussion or voting of the foregoing matter.

3. Financial Incentives Program Grant Application 2016-06 – Façade Improvement and Restoration Program – 253 Main Street South.

The Economic Development Officer provided a verbal update regarding the application and advised the Owner had been served an order for deterioration of the property and is now seeking funding assistance for façade repairs. Discussion ensued regarding the potential dangerous situation surrounding the building with dangling electricity wires.

Moved by: Barbara Leibel
Seconded by: Steve Whitfield

a) THAT the Façade Improvement and Restoration Program Grant Application in the amount of \$5,650.00 be deferred;

i) AND THAT Ms. Ida Valentini, 34 Halmar Park Road, Pefferlaw, ON L0E 1N0 be notified of this action.

Carried

A suggestion was made to have the applicant provide more details of the quotation received for façade improvements with a breakdown of specifics related to stucco surfacing and cement block repair.

4. Financial Incentives Program Grant Application 2016-02 – Project Feasibility Study Program – 514 Davis Drive.

The Economic Development Officer provided a verbal update regarding Financial Incentives Program Grant Application 2016-02 and advised that the Owners of 514 Davis Drive are seeking to re-develop the property into significant office space and are requesting funding assistance with the architectural fees.

Moved by: Steve Whitfield
Seconded by: Barbara Leibel

a) THAT the Project Feasibility Study Program Grant Application in the amount of \$10,000.00 be approved;

i) AND THAT 1548373 Ontario Inc., c/o Oskar Group, 3660 Midland Avenue, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M1V 0B8 be notified of this action.

Carried

5. Financial Incentives Program Grant Application 2017-02 – Project Feasibility Study Program – 231-233 Main Street South.

The Economic Development Officer provided a verbal update regarding Financial Incentives Program Grant Application 2017-02 and advised that the Owners of 221-233 Main Street South (former Bank of Montreal building) intend to engage heritage architects to make recommendations in an effort to restore both the interior and exterior of the building and are seeking funding assistance for the Project Feasibility Study.

Moved by: Barbara Leibel
Seconded by: Olga Paiva

a) THAT the Project Feasibility Study Program Grant Application in the amount of \$10,000.00 be approved;

i) AND THAT Ms. Penny Zielinski, 35 Bridle Path, Sharon, ON L0G 1V0 be notified of this action.

Carried

6. Community Grant Application – Newmarket Car Club.

The Economic Development Officer provided a verbal update regarding the Community Grant Application by the Newmarket Car Club whose organizers are seeking to bring the car show event to Main Street on June 10, 2017 with an alternative rain date of June 17, 2017 and are seeking funding assistance of \$2,000.00.

Moved by: Steve Whitfield
Seconded by: Olga Paiva

a) THAT the Community Grant Application by the Newmarket Car Club in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the car show event be conditionally supported subject to endorsement by the Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management.

Carried

New Business

Jackie Playter advised those present about her concerns related to the empty building known as the Clock Tower and the appearance of its' neglected condition.

Councillor Kwapis advised that he had presented a Motion to Committee of the Whole regarding vacant storefronts and by-law enforcement practices related to same.

Adjournment

Moved by: Barbara Leibel
Seconded by: Steve Whitfield

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Date

Jackie Playter, Chair