

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
December 6, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Jeff Shaver, Rob Whittaker, Dave Annable, Judy Baril, Gary Albers, Annette Simonian, Jeanette Johnson, Lisa Severson, Steve McDonald, Doug Malanka

REGRETS

Graham Houze, Wendy Onstein

1. **Call to Order**
Deputy Mayor Shaver called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
2. **Chair's Opening Remarks**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Agenda Approved as amended to add River Route
4. **Approval of the Minutes**
Minutes approved for the November 1, 2021 meeting.
5. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**
Dave Annable - Waterfront Access
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
7. **Delegations**
8. **Correspondence**
9. **New and Unfinished Business**
 - 9.1 Business of the Year
 - 35-40 people were in attendance.
 - Thank you to Burnbrae for sponsorship.
 - The event went very well.
 - Committee are to make a few changes to the nomination forms for next year.
 - 9.2 Waterfront Access
 - Dave Annable is working on a mockup of how we would like the park to look.
 - The subcommittee would like to take the plan to Kingston to discuss the possibilities and plead the Township's case in early new year.
 - So far there has not been a positive response.
 - Need to re-evaluate the direction based on the response received so far.

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9.3 International Plow Match

- Haven't heard much since initial ask.
- Anyone willing to volunteer can go directly to North Grenville.
- North Grenville will be sending out notices for volunteers soon.
- Counties do play a role, but the host municipality plays a larger role.

9.4 Affordable Housing Project

- This is high priority for the province.
- Looking to County and municipalities to help with the crisis.
- Mayor will forward a copy of the Housing report.
- There is a need to reduce the Red Tape to help get development expedited.
- There is an opportunity for an education piece for the broader public and developers on how planning and building work to build a better working relationship.

9.5 UCLG/Corridor/BIC Update

- Ann Weir is continuing to bring interested businesses to Augusta.
- BIC still interested in a Bio hub for this area.

9.6 Committee Updates

- N/A

9.7 River Route

- The Town of Prescott provided surveys for business along the River Route and the public.

9.8 Roundtable

- Curling Club putting in the ice on Friday.
- Small Business Trade Show scheduled for February 24-26 at the Leo Boivin.
- Prescott Arena campaign has 96% of the \$3.2 million goal.
- Spirit of Giving registration is complete, expecting over 200 families. Augusta Fire Department has partnered with them.
- Lisa provided EORN update. Upgrades are happening. Look for site proposals for the towers in the Township from Rogers. They will be looking to the Township for help with public communication. EORN will help the Township with the process as much as they can if necessary.

10. **Next Meeting – January 3, 2022 at 1:30pm**

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.