



## Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**

### West Grey Economic Development Advisory Committee

Monday August 22, 2022

Virtual Meeting: via Zoom

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**Present:** Chair Steve Morel, Pat Crocker, Kerri Eady, Paul MacDonald, Vice-Chair Elizabeth MacKenzie (left 9:29), Darrin Patey (left 9:19 a.m.), Michelle Patey, Deputy Mayor Tom Hutchinson (joined 8:19), Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Mayor Christine Robinson, Councillor Stephen Townsend

**Absent:** Hazel Pratt

**Staff present:** Laura Johnston CAO, Kodey Hewlett Corporate & Community Initiatives Officer, Alison Theodore, Economic Development Officer, Grey County (guest)

1. Call to Order: by Chair S. Morel at 8:07 a.m.
2. Approval of Agenda: Moved by P. Crocker, seconded by M. Patey and carried.
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: none
4. Delegations: none
5. Guests: Alison Theodore, Economic Development Officer, Grey County
6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved by M. Patey, seconded by D. Patey and carried.
7. Business Arising from the Minutes: none
8. Staff reports and information:
  - a. 2023 budget: L. Johnston noted that staff begin the municipal budget process in late summer/early September. While the 2023 budget process will be adjusted due to the October election, any recommendations for council's consideration should be discussed and passed at the September EDAC meeting. The September agenda will focus on committee recommendations for budget requests for the new council to consider.
  - b. Strategic Plan: K. Hewlett and A. Theodore presented the feedback from committee members regarding the "working paper" version of the Durham and Neustadt strategic plan material.

Durham feedback was extensive and helpful. K. Hewlett will incorporate feedback into the next version of the working document.

Time constraints necessitated an additional meeting to discuss the Neustadt material. K. Hewlett will send a meeting poll to arrange a meeting for the Neustadt material only.

It was also noted that the Durham and Neustadt plans are an accompanying document to the overall West Grey Economic Development strategic plan. An MBA consultant team from Wilfrid Laurier University has agreed to assist with the primary plan, while ensuring the Durham and Neustadt plans are incorporated. The MBA team will lead consultation with stakeholders, liaise with the EDAC, and work closely with staff in the development of the comprehensive strategy.

It was also suggested that the final strategy be a three-year plan with achievable initiatives for budget and staff/resource considerations and planning.

9. New Business: none

10. Correspondence: none

11. Closed session: none

12. Report from closed session: N/A

13. Next Meeting Date:

- a. September meeting to be determined. A poll will be sent to set up an additional meeting for review of the Neustadt strategic plan working papers.

14. Adjournment: Motion by M. Patey, seconded by K. Eady, carried at 9:35 a.m.

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