



Town of Aurora
Economic Development Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date:	Thursday, October 13, 2016
Time and Location:	7 p.m., Leksand Room, Aurora Town Hall
Committee Members:	Councillor Paul Pirri (Chair), Councillor John Abel (Vice Chair) (departed 7:15 p.m.), Rosalyn Gonsalves, Marilee Harris, and Javed Khan, and Bruce Walkinshaw
Member(s) Absent:	Don Constable
Other Attendees:	Councillor Tom Mrakas, Councillor Michael Thompson, Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, Anthony Ierullo, Manager of Long Range and Strategic Planning, and Samantha Yew, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Bruce Walkinshaw
Seconded by Marilee Harris

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2016

Moved by Rosalyn Gonsalves
Seconded by Bruce Walkinshaw

That the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 9, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

(a) Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Building Services **Re: Library Square and Town Park Update**

Mr. Ramunno provided an update on Library Square and Town Park, including the conceptual plans, public survey results, and next steps. The Committee spoke in support of the conceptual plans, and inquired about the location and proposed uses for various features and buildings, survey results, timelines and budget, and the public consultation process in relation to the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

Moved by Marilee Harris
Seconded by Rosalyn Gonsalves

That the delegation be received for information.

Carried

5. Matters for Consideration

None

6. Informational Items

**1. Memorandum from Manager of Long Range and Strategic Planning
Re: Economic Development Action Plan – Mid-Term Update Discussion**

Staff provided background to the memorandum, and noted the Action Plan will shape what the remainder of the term will look like in terms of strategy. The Committee expressed support for the current framework, and discussed aspects of the plan including music and culture initiatives in the Action Plan, the Business Ambassadors Program, and business retention and expansion.

**Moved by Marilee Harris
Seconded by Bruce Walkinshaw**

1. That the memorandum regarding Economic Development Action Plan – Mid-Term Update Discussion be received; and
2. **That the Economic Development Advisory Committee continue to endorse the Economic Development Action Plan for the remainder of the term.**

Carried as amended

7. New Business

Javed Khan advised that the Aurora Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the inaugural Tech Expo from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at King's Riding Golf Club in King City. He noted that the event is for small business owners and entrepreneurs in the Town and York Region to assist with finding solutions to technological challenges. Mr. Khan mentioned that the Tech Expo will host over twenty expert exhibitors and that attendees can attend at no cost if pre-registered, or pay a \$10 admission fee at the door.

**New Business Motion No. 1
Moved by Marilee Harris
Seconded by Bruce Walkinshaw**

That the Economic Development Advisory Committee endorse the Library Square/Town Park Conceptual Plans, as presented.

Carried

It was noted that the Aurora Chamber of Commerce representative did not vote on New Business Motion No. 1, as he was not prepared as the representative to provide comment at this time.

Marilee Harris inquired about what actions the Town may undertake to capitalize, from an economic development perspective, on Magna International Inc.'s decision to remain as a viable member of the business community. Staff indicated that information will be provided when available.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Marilee Harris
Seconded by Javed Khan

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

CARRIED

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless adopted by Council at a later meeting.