



Corporation of the County of Wellington Economic Development Committee Minutes

September 16, 2014
Governor's Residence Boardroom
Lower Level

Present: Warden Chris White
Councillor George Bridge (Chair)
Councillor Don McKay
Councillor Raymond Tout
Councillor Shawn Watters

Staff: Donna Bryce, County Clerk
Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Jana Reichert, Economic Development Officer
Scott Wilson, CAO

1. Call to Order

At 10:00 am, the Chair called the meeting to order.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. WCMEDG Minutes

1/6/14

Moved by: Councillor Tout

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That the May and July, 2014 Minutes of the Wellington County Municipal Economic Development Group be received for information.

Carried

4. Economic Development Financial Statements as of August 31, 2014

2/6/14

Moved by: Councillor Watters

Seconded by: Councillor Tout

That the Financial Statements as of August 31, 2014 for Economic Development be approved.

Carried

5. 2014 Credit Report Rating Reports

3/6/14

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Watters

That the County Treasurer's report regarding Standard and Poor's 2014 Credit Rating Update be received for information.

Carried

6. September 2014 Economic Development Update

4/6/14

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Watters

That the County of Wellington Economic Development Update for September 2014, be received for information.

Carried

7. BR + E Municipal Implementation Fund Selection Process Report

5/6/14

Moved by: Councillor Tout

Seconded by: Councillor Watters

That the Economic Development Committee approve the three BR+E Municipal Implementation Fund applications for the Townships of Wellington North, Mapleton and Puslinch.

Carried

8. Accelerating Rural Transportation Study Report

6/6/14

Moved by: Warden White

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That report Towards Coordinated Rural Transportation: Wellington County Study Region be received for information.

Carried

9. Buy American Inhibitive Trade Provisions Report

7/6/14

Moved by: Warden White

Seconded by: Councillor Watters

Whereas organizations like Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters estimate that thousands of manufacturing jobs are continuously at risk from Buy American provisions being proposed across the U.S.;

Therefore be it resolved that municipalities express support for free, fair and reciprocal trade between the United States and Canada and that any restrictive Buy American provisions in the United States legislation are contrary to that spirit of free trade;
Be it further resolved that the County of Wellington calls on FCM to support and work with the Government of Canada and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters and other stakeholders in their efforts to urge the United States Congress and state governments to abstain from the use of Buy American provisions;

Be it further resolved that FCM be requested to write to the United States National League of Cities and the United States Conference of Mayors to also support the spirit of this resolution and the spirit of free trade, so that businesses and industries on both sides of the border can compete for contracts in the fairest and most efficient manner;

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the leaders of the Federal Parties, Wellington MP's and MPP's for information.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to FCM and AMO for circulation to all municipalities for support and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters for information.

Carried

10. Correspondence from the Consulate General of People's Republic of China

8/6/14

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Watters

That the correspondence from the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China dated June 27, 2014 regarding a visit to Wellington County and the Town of Erin be received for information.

Carried

11. Adjournment

At 11:30 am, the Chair adjourned the meeting until October 21, 2014 or at the call of the Chair.

George Bridge
Chair
Economic Development Committee