

**Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami
Community Improvement Plan Ad-Hoc Committee (CIP Committee) Meeting
Municipal Office Boardroom
May 13th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
DRAFT MINUTES**

PRESENT: R. Barrett (Chair)
P. Brown
C. Dwyer
J. Kenrick
G. O'Handley
K. Cowan (via telephone)
J. Van Manen

ABSENT: P. Middleton (with notification)
D. Van Manen (with notification)

STAFF: Ian MacDougall - Municipal Planner
Sadie Lapshinoff - Community Information/Information Management Intern
Michelle Anderson - Economic Development Officer

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 2

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ron Barrett at 10:04 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED BY: Gordon O'Handley

SECONDED BY: Cathy Dwyer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the May 14, 2015 meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes from April 28, 2015 Meeting

MOVED BY: Cathy Dwyer

SECONDED BY: John Kenrick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the minute for the April 28, 2015 meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Community Improvement Plan Goals/Vision

The Committee Reviewed the document entitled: Temagami Community Improvement Plan Project Area Considerations.

Item #1: The Committee reviewed the Official Plan policies related to Community Improvement Planning. Following the review the Committee agreed that the preliminary project area to be submitted for Council's consideration aligned with the provisions included in the Official Plan. The planner advised the Committee that the designated community improvement project area does not need to include all optional criteria listed in the Official Plan; however, it must contain criteria that have been identified as a priority.

Item #2: The Committee review the desired outcomes of the Temagami Community Improvement Plan as discussed during previous meetings. The outcomes to be recommended to Council include: increase in tax base (by increasing private sector investments and population), grow and sustain existing businesses, increase in tourism and ensuring school remains open. After discussion of additional desired outcomes for the Community Improvement Plan, the Committee identified the following as outcomes to be recommended to Council: increase the density of commercial area, create employment opportunities and facilitate assisted living/affordable housing. The Committee recommended “To grow and sustain existing businesses” be changed to “To grow and sustain new and existing businesses”. There was a discussion about costs and benefits of including design guidelines in the scope of the Community Improvement Plan.

Item #3: The Committee recommended that the downtown commercial area and waterfront be identified as the area where investments will result in the greatest return.

Item #4: The Committee recommended that the downtown commercial area and waterfront be identified as the area that is the most in need for improvement/rehabilitation. The Committee discussed whether rehabilitation or business attraction and growth should be prioritized.

Item #5: The Committee reviewed the goals/vision for the Temagami Community Improvement Plan as discussed during previous meetings. The Committee recommended that the goals /vision for the community improvement plan should include:

- To create an economically viable business community
- To ensure the continuation of the business district as the center for commercial facilities in the Planning Area.
- To encourage the maintenance and improvement of existing commercial development and to ensure a high standard of design in all new commercial development.
- To provide a comprehensive range of services in the business section of Temagami,
- To encourage and facilitate the use and enjoyment of the waterfront and downtown by residents and visitors.
- To increase walking accessibility between the downtown and waterfront area for use by residents, seniors and visitors.
- To establish a central node of tourism related services in an area visible and readily accessible from Highway 11.
- To improve broadband to enable the growth of the information technology sector within the project area.
- To continue to improve parking in the project area.

Item #6: The Committee Reviewed the list of community improvement plan programs outlined in the MMAH Community Improvement Planning Handbook 2008. There was a discussion about the ability to establish priorities and criteria for community improvement incentives which would be used to evaluate applications. The Committee recommended that incentive-based programs should be prioritized over municipally-driven programs, identifying Downtown/core area and waterfront revitalization as the top priority. There was a discussion about space conversion in the downtown area, specifically the trend of commercial building being rezoned for residential use.

5. Community Improvement Plan Project Area

A preliminary boundary for the project area was drawn. The planner will draw up a map of the area to be reviewed by the committee at the next meeting before being submitted for Council’s consideration.

6. Other Business

Staff updated the Committee about the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) setbacks for revitalization in the project area. Following a conversation with Natalie Dugas from the MTO, staff was made aware that all projects to be undertaken within the downtown/highway corridor would require MTO approval, therefore a provision should be included in the Community Improvement plan stating this fact.

The Committee requested that staff prepare a preliminary table of contents including the outcomes and goals discussed during the meeting as well as examples from other municipalities' Community improvement Plans.

Next meeting to take place on Monday May 25, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office boardroom.

7. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.