

# ALMAGUIN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ACED)

## MINUTES June 15, 2020

A virtual meeting based at the Armour Municipal Office was held on June 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Present: Tim Bryson, Township of Joly  
Wendy Whitwell, Township of Armour  
Kelly Elik, Township of Strong  
Jennifer Farquhar, AHCC Representative  
Brenda Scott, Village of South River  
Celia Finley, Township of Ryerson  
Margaret Ann MacPhail, Township of Perry  
Tim Brunton, Township of Magnetawan  
Barb Belrose, Village of Sundridge  
Lewis Hodgson, Village of Burk's Falls  
Peter Mclsaac, Municipality of Magnetawan  
Ron Begin, FedNor  
Penny Brandt, Township of Armour

Regrets: Melanie Atkins, MENDM

Staff: Dave Gray, Director of Economic Development  
John Theriault, Township of Armour  
Nicky Kunkel, Village of Burk's Falls  
Erin Murphy, Municipality of Magnetawan

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

### **Minutes**

That the minutes of Monday May 27, 2020 meeting were adopted as circulated.

### **ACED Board Performance and Procedures**

#### **Communication**

The Board discussed communications between the Board Members and their Council and staff. Board Members agreed they need good communication with their Council for ACED to work properly.

## Roles and Responsibilities

It is the Member's responsibility to discuss economic development with their Councils or Board and bring back to the ACED Board new ideas on what we could do to enhance our area. The Economic Development Department cannot always anticipate what each Council or Board would like to see happen in our region. If there is a new idea out there that needs to be discussed by the ACED Board, we need members to bring it forward for discussion. The Director of Economic Development is always ready to attend Council or Board meetings to discuss economic development, but he has to know what a Council or Board wants before he can bring it back to the ACED Board for discussion.

## Work Plan, Priorities and Governing the Director

Members of the Board were reminded that they approved the 2020 work plan for the Economic Development Department and this is the plan the department is following. If there is something missing in the plan or that members do not want to move forward with, the change must be discussed and approved by the ACED Board before being implemented.

The 2020 priorities are in the work plan, they may not satisfy every member of the ACED Board, but they have been approved by a majority vote from the ACED Board. Therefore, any changes to these priorities must be approved by a majority vote of the ACED Board.

The Director of Economic Development answers to the ACED Board and not to any member of the ACED Board. If there is a problem, it should be brought forward to the ACED Board and if the Board decides by a majority vote to take action, the decision will be relayed to the administering municipality, which will take the appropriate action. No member of the ACED Board has authority to direct, criticize or argue the work of any employee of the Economic Development Department.

## **Director of Economic Development (DED) Report**

The ACED Board reviewed the June report from the Director of Economic Development. The Director of Economic Development addressed the Board regarding the Almaguin Agriculture and Culinary Stakeholder Engagement Plan Proposal Review report.

The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of accepting a proposal which is within budget or accepting the best proposal and reworking the project's budget to accommodate the over expenditure. The Board passed a resolution recommending the award of the project.

The Director of Economic Development received an offer from Stuart Morley, from the Parry Sound Muskoka Community Network, to attend a meeting of the Board to present options for broadband improvements. The Board agreed to a delegation at their next regular meeting.

## **Updates**

### **FedNor**

Good part of the Canadian Future Program has been allocated. This region has reached its maximum amount of funding. So now we can argue that the amount was too low and should be increased. New funding to help the economy recover is now available.

## **Other Business**

No other business was discussed

## **Closed Session**

The ACED Board passed a resolution to go into a closed session at 6:52 p.m. as per Section 239(2) (b), (e) of the *Municipal Act*; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board.

The ACED Board moved out of closed session and reported.

## **Resolutions**

1. 2020-016 - Moved by Kelly Elik; Seconded by Wendy Whitwell;  
Be it resolved that the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board approve the minutes of May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as circulated. Carried
2. 2020-017 - Moved by Barb Belrose; Seconded by Peter McIsaac;  
Be it resolved that the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board having reviewed the Almaguin Agriculture and Culinary Stakeholder Engagement Plan proposal review report from the Director of Economic Development, recommends awarding the contract to Strexer-Harrop for a contract price of \$12,460 plus HST. Carried
3. 2020-018 - Moved by Barb Belrose; Seconded by Margaret-Ann MacPhail;  
Be it resolved that the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board move into a closed session at 6:52 p.m. as per Section 239(b) and (e) of the *Municipal Act*; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board. Carried
4. 2020-019 - Moved by Tim Brunton; Seconded by Barb Belrose;  
Be it resolved that the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board hereby adjourn and move out of closed session at 7:34 p.m. and report. Carried

## Adjournment

5. 2020-020 - Moved by; Brenda Scott;

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board adjourn their regular meeting at 7:36 p.m. Carried

The next meeting will be July 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. If this changes, members will be advised.