

Council Chambers
PEMBROKE, Ontario

May 10, 2005

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Committee was held this evening with Mayor Jacyno in the Chair and all members present with the exception of Councillor Henderson. Also present were staff members Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer and Susan Ellis, Economic Development, Recreation & Tourism Coordinator.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Lowe, seconded by Councillor Severin
That the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2005 be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

ITEM # 1: Bill 187-2005

Ms. Ellis informed the Committee about Bill 187-2005 which, once passed, will establish the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Fund Corporation which will allow the Corporation to use money in the Fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance to promote economic development in rural areas and smaller urban municipalities in Eastern Ontario. She asked the Council of the City of Pembroke to pass a motion in support of establishing the Corporation and urging the Government to bring the Bill forward for its third and final reading.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott, seconded by Councillor Severin
That the City of Pembroke pass a motion in support of establishing the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Fund Corporation and urging the Government to bring the Bill forward for its third and final reading, and that the matter be brought forward to the MUND group forthwith.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Scott noted that he would like to sit on the Board when the Corporation is formed.

ITEM # 2: Communities in Bloom

Ms. Ellis updated the Committee on the activities of the Communities in Bloom program. She stressed that a community clean-up is planned for May 18, and asked all members of the Committee to take part.

ITEM # 3: Ottawa River Waterway

Ms. Ellis reviewed a list of activities of the Ottawa River Waterway and noted that the Annual General Meeting will be held on June 1, 2005. Councillor O'Neill noted that he has attended 3 meetings in the last month and one half with more meetings to be held soon. Ms. Ellis reported that the website is being updated.

ITEM # 4: City of Pembroke Charitable Donations

Councillor Lowe explained that individuals giving small donations towards the Farmers' Market building fund are requesting tax receipts and asked if the City could accept donations on behalf of the Farmers' Market, issue receipts, and then issue a cheque to the Farmers' Market. She pointed out that the land and the building are owned by the City and noted that she has discussed this with the Treasurer who could not foresee any problem. The Committee agreed that this is something benefiting the City and has previously been done for other initiatives. Mr. Spadoni advised Councillor Lowe that any cheques she has received to date should be passed on to him.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Lowe, seconded by Councillor Severin
That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED