

Uxbridge Downtown Revitalization Committee

February 24, 2022 (Via Microsoft Teams)

Minutes (Note: the meeting was recorded)

- Present:
- Willie Popp, Ward 4 Councillor ToU
 - Todd Snooks, Ward 5 Councillor ToU
 - Joan Crosbie, Historical Preservation
 - Roger Varley, Resident
 - Craig Miller (EDAC)
 - Mike Whiston, (Tourism Advisory Committee)
 - Terry Baskin, (Accessibility Representative)
 - *Judy Risebrough, ToU Project Manager
 - *Dave Ruggle, Planner, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)
 - *Carolyn Puterbough, Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Advisor. OMAFRA
 - *Stacey Jibb, Manager Agriculture and Rural, Region of Durham Economic Development
 - *Glen Macfarlane, Program Coordinator, Rural Economic Development, Region of Durham Economic Development
 - *Danielle Culp, Planning Analyst, Region of Durham, Planning & Economic Development
 - *Kyle Rainbow, Director of Development Services (ToU)
 - *Ben Kester, Director of Public Works (ToU)
 - *Amanda Ferraro, Director of Community Services (ToU)
 - *Courtney Clarke, Manager, Parks & Trails (ToU)
 - *Colleen Baskin, ToU Communication officer and Admin Assistant
- Regrets
- Dave Barton, Mayor ToU
 - Mark Christoff, Business Owner
 - Shelley Macbeth, Business owner
 - Don Andrews, Business Owner
 - Larry James, Business owner
 - Dennis Milenov, Business owner
 - Hailey Weatherbee, Architect
 - Lynn Klages, (Library Board)
 - Nancy Mann, (Chamber of Commerce)
 - Patricia Bush (BIA)

- *Kristi Honey, ToU CAO / Project Sponsor
- *Kristyn Chambers, North Durham Tourism Specialist, Region of Durham Economic Development
- *Ashlea Brown, Dir. Regulations, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)
- *Mike Klose, ToU Building Inspector
- *Debbie Leroux, ToU Clerk and Director of Legislative Services
- *Tobi Lee, ToU Deputy Treasurer

(note: * indicates a committee resource)

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interests:

Judy Risebrough, opened the meeting at 1:34 and asked if anyone had a disclosure to bring forward. None were presented.

2. Review of the agenda:

Judy presented revisions for the agenda. Roger Varley motioned to approve the revised agenda, Mike Whiston seconded. Approved



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3. Review of Minutes of last meeting:

Judy presented the minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting. Craig Miller motioned to approve, Todd Snooks seconded. Approved



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4. Business arising out of the minutes:

- 1) Judy informed the committee that the surveys reports and the TPP report were provided to Council on February 7th. The TPP report was approved by Council. They are now all posted on the My Uxbridge Downtown website.
- 2) Judy informed the committee of the two pieces of correspondence that had been forwarded to the committee from Council.

- 3) Ben informed the committee that the Township is waiting on a letter from ACON to answer the questions raised by LSRCA related to the culvert. This is expected shortly. Dave Ruggle confirmed that the floodplain mapping should be done shortly.

5. Project Plan Update

1. Strategic Plan and Action Plan update
 - Judy walked the committee through the draft Downtown Revitalization Report.
 - The following revisions were requested.
 - a) Prioritize the key action items on the three charts by listing high to low or using some other indicator like colours (low med high) rather than alphabetically.
 - b) Indication to the importance of Council Leadership moving forward.
 - c) As parking is a foundational element of Revitalization, it was recommended that the reference to undertaking parking plans should reference both addressing current needs and future state studies.
2. The committee discussed the next steps for the Committee. With the completion of the report, it was agreed that the purpose of the committee has been achieved. The group then discussed a possible role for the next few months, until new committees are formed after the next election.
 - **Motion.** Roger Varley made a motion that the UDRAC should continue on an as needed basis, to act as an interim advisory committee for “implementation proposal” until a new committee is in place. Mike Whiston seconded. Approved.
3. Amanda Ferraro provided the highlights of the Inclusive Proposal that is being developed by the Library.
 - Project: Enhance and continue the current accessibility and inclusivity at the Uxbridge Public Library. Enrich the library experience for both seniors and persons with disabilities. Further address six of the eight domains of community life identified by the World Health Organization.
 - Project Description:
 - a) Provide seniors with social and intellectual opportunities through guided coding sessions utilizing existing BeeBots, Cubelets, Dash and Dot and Ozobots. Will work in partnership with local Seniors Centre to provide tech help for seniors borrowing iPads there. Will also train several local young adults to provide ongoing assistance to seniors and other library users in operation of the donated 3D printer.
 - b) Replace existing accessible door openers with touchless buttons to provide safe/contactless, reliable and easy entrance to the library for both seniors and persons with disabilities.

- c) Install accessible Solar Charging Pole on outdoor patio to create a social opportunity for residents and visitors. This patio underwent renovations last year to become accessible. The stairs from the street were replaced with a ramp.
 - d) Communication at the circulation desks has become very difficult for any persons with hearing loss due to plexiglass shields. Install Speech Transfer Devices at both circulation desks
- **Motion.** Mike Whiston made a motion that the UDRAC provide a letter of support this proposal. Roger Varley seconded. Approved.

6. Round Table Updates

Kyle provided a number of updates on behalf of Development Services, including 32/34 Brock Street W., 80 Brock Street W., 17 Bascom Street (Firehall) and 62 Mill Street, and Evendale Developments.

- 7. Todd Snooks made the motion to adjourn. Next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.**