



**MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Monday, January 13, 2025, 3:30 p.m.
Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44**

MEMBERS PRESENT Co-Chair Councillor Deb Wilson
Co-Chair Cholly Boland
Rick Tachuk
Mayor Nancy Peckford
Tracy McDonald
Wayne Brown
Wendy Embleton
Shawn Carnegie
Greg Lane
Deputy Mayor John Barclay

MEMBERS ABSENT James McNeil
Andre Rancourt
Heather Currie, Tourism Coordinator

STAFF PRESENT Matt Gilmer, Manager of Economic Development & Tourism
Senterre McKenna, Committee Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT Terry-Lynn, Chamber of Commerce
Talia Hreljac, Interim Executive Director, Downtown Kemptville BIA
Anne Weir, United Counties of Leeds Grenville
Kevin Wiley, member of the public

A. Open Meeting

Co-Chair Cholly Boland called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. Land Acknowledgment

The land acknowledgement was read by Deb Wilson.

C. Approval of the Agenda

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Moved by Greg Lane
Seconded by Wendy Embleton

*Be it resolved that:
The Committee agenda be approved as presented.*

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D. Disclosure of Interests

None.

E. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

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Moved by Greg Lane
Seconded by Wayne Brown

*Be it resolved that:
The following meeting minutes be approved as circulated:*

1. December 2, 2024

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F. Delegations

None.

G. Decision Items

1. 2025 Meeting Schedule
 - 03 Feb 2025
 - 03 Mar 2025
 - 07 Apr 2025
 - 05 May 2025
 - 09 Jun 2025
 - 07 Jul 2025
 - 08 Sep 2025

06 Oct 2025

03 Nov 2025

01 Dec 2025

The preceding dates have been reviewed and agreed to by the Members for the 2025 meeting schedule.

H. Correspondence/Information Items/Reports

1. Question for Members: What is required to provide these missing services to North Grenville residents?

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Members discussed key service gaps, including childcare, healthcare, public transit, and affordable housing. Wendy Embleton emphasized childcare and doctors as top priorities. The Mayor, Nancy Peckford noted residents often leave the community for services, spending money in other cities. Shawn Carnegie pointed out the lack of hotels for sports events, and Kevin Wiley raised concerns about housing for lower-income workers.

Ann Weir asked where members spend money outside the area, citing economic leakage. Shawn Carnegie and John Barclay noted many residents leave for work or events in Ottawa. Kevin Wiley shared his difficulty buying art supplies locally.

Tracy McDonald mentioned transportation, daycare, and translation services from the Immigration Summit. Wendy Embleton called for expanding downtown Kemptville, and Nancy Peckford highlighted the ongoing servicing masterplan review, which will allow for service expansion and new businesses.

Talia Hreljac suggested a drop-in center for teenagers, and Tracy McDonald proposed a Welcome Center at Ferguson Forest, supported by James McNeil as a way to promote local artists and tourism. Mayor Nancy Peckford also mentioned the possibility of a local farmers market along Highway 43.

Members expressed interest in reviewing the Official Plan Draft when available, the Mayor Nancy Peckford noted it would likely be by late spring. John Barclay brought up the Downtown Kemptville Community Action Plan, and Matt Gilmer will invite Hillary Geneau to a future meeting.

2. Working Groups Update

Competitive Analysis, Rick Tachuk - No Update at this time.

Workforce Challenges, Tracy McDonald - Spring Job Fair March 4th

Serviceable Lands and Rural Development, Deb Wilson - No Update at this time.

Clean Tech Development Sustainability, Greg Lane - No Update at this time.

Arts, Culture and Heritage, John Barclay - He will bring a report on the BIA expansion plans at a future meeting.

Matt Gilmer gave brief update on the Job Fair, partnering with CSE. Evening event, on March 20th for Mayors' Address, partnering with the Chamber of Commerce.

Terry-Lyn McEvoy from Chamber of Commerce added additional networking events in the community Jan 23rd, Feb 27th, at the Kemptville Brewing Company. Network BBQ planned for community in June, tentatively.

Ann Weir from UCLG gave update on Ministerial meeting on Regional Economic Development Immigration consult. Following with two sessions on healthcare and translation services for newcomers. As well as, International Women's days in Brockville, on March 6th.

Deb Wilson added she would like a letter of support from the Committee for an indoor sports dome in North Grenville. Wendy Embleton and Tracy McDonald offered to compose the letter, the letters are due to Tammy Hurlbert by January 27th.

I. Other Business

Matt Gilmer gave and Economic update to the Members, there is waterfront strategy changes in the works, additional information to follow. He noted a survey of business expansion and retentions was completed a few years ago. This may need to be revisited. Ann Weir noted theirs was completed in 2019, with a good sense of what businesses need, growth being a focus. More sector and geographic surveys may need to be completed.

Deb Wilson added she would like a letter of support from the Committee for an indoor sports dome. She asked the members to draft a letter.

Wendy and Tracy offered to compose the letter, the letters are due to Tammy Hurlbert by January 27th.

Shawn Carnegie requested a report from Matt Gilmer on new businesses in the community, as well as those closing or leaving. He will compile information for a future meeting.

There was a discussion about commercial tax rates, particularly regarding home-based businesses that don't face the same tax rates as brick-and-mortar stores. Ann Weir clarified that it depends on where the goods are sold, such as a home-based bakery, which is subject to health inspections and insurance fees.

1. Items for Next Meeting

- Strategic Plan Discussion
- Downtown Kemptville Community Action Plan, Hillary Geneau
- Bia Expansion Plan, John Barclay
- Ongoing Development Update, Amy Martin
- Homebased Businesses and Permitted Uses, Amy Martin
- Working Group Updates

J. Public Questions

None.

K. Adjournment

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Moved by Wayne Brown

Seconded by Wendy Embleton

Be it resolved that:

The meeting be adjourned at 5: 24 p.m.

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