



**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
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**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**

**#CEDAC-2024- 1**

Moved by Greg Lane  
Seconded by Wendy Embleton

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

**CARRIED**

**D. Disclosure of Interests**

None.

**E. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**#CEDAC-2024- 2**

Moved by Greg Lane  
Seconded by Wayne Brown

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

1. December 2, 2024

**CARRIED**

**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 Reginal 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**

**#CEDAC-2024- 3**

Moved by Wayne Brown

Seconded by Wendy Embleton

*Be it resolved that:*

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

**CARRIED**