

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
REPORT NO. 2014-5**

**Report of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on  
Wednesday, May 14, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office.**

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**Present:** Chair, Councillor J. Attwood  
Vice Chair Councillor J. Charlebois  
Mayor G. McKay  
Deputy Mayor S. Kramp  
Councillor G. Canning  
Councillor P. File  
Councillor Z. Pendlebury  
Councillor M. Ross (part of meeting)

**Also Present:** Director of Planning and Building Services, W. Crown  
Executive Assistant, S. Edgar

**Regrets:** Councillor B. Jeffery

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The Chair read the introductory remarks respecting safety matters and respectful communication policies.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were none declared.

**2. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW/APPLICATIONS**

**A) Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZBA-01-14  
1175421 Canada Ltd., Owner  
The Guesthouse Shelter, Applicant  
522 Elizabeth Street**

The Committee had before it for consideration Staff Report PL-2014-32 dated May 7, 2014 with respect to a Zoning By-law Amendment Application for the lands at 522 Elizabeth Street.

Committee had a lengthy discussion on the impact of and on the Downtown Master Plan Study, allowing residential use on the first floor in the building, nature of the Exception Zone, the need for the Shelter, and whether the rezoning strengthens or weakens the Downtown.

**Recommendation**

**That Zoning By-Law Amendment Application No. ZBA-01-14 respecting 522 Elizabeth Street (The Guesthouse Shelter) be approved and that the required implementing Zoning By-Law Amendment be passed; and,**

Pursuant to Section 34(17) of the *Planning Act*, Council determines that no further Notice of the proposed By-law is required as the changes to the proposed By-law are minor in nature.

A recorded vote was requested.

	AYE	NAY
Councillor J. Charlebois	X	
Councillor P. File		X
Councillor G. Canning		X
Mayor G. McKay	X	
Deputy Mayor S. Kramp		X
Councillor J. Attwood	X	
Councillor Z. Pendlebury	X	
Councillor M. Ross		X

#### **DEFEATED**

The Committee recommends the following:

1. **That Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZBA-01-14 be forwarded to Council for Direction and Decision.**

**\*\*Councillor Ross left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.**

#### **B) OMB Appeal – OPA-02-13 G. Watters – 990 Sumac Lane**

The Committee had before it for consideration Staff Report PL-2014-29 dated May 5, 2014 with respect to an OMB Appeal of Council's Refusal of Official Plan Amendment Application OPA-02-13 for the lands at 990 Sumac Lane.

Committee had discussion on reasons for selecting Russell Christie LLP as solicitor and need for legal advice at this time on this matter.

#### **Recommendation**

The Committee recommends the following:

1. **That Mr. Edward Veldboom of Russell Christie LLP be retained by the Town in respect of the Appeal of Council's Refusal of Official Plan Amendment Application File No. OPA-02-13, respecting 990 Sumac Lane (Watters).**
2. **That the Town confirm its position on the Refusal of the Official Plan Amendment Application File No. OPA-02-13, respecting 990 Sumac Lane (Watters).**

**C) Downtown Master Plan  
Appointments to Steering Committee**

The Committee had before it for consideration Staff Report PL-2014-30 dated May 5, 2014 with respect to Council Appointments to the Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee.

Committee had discussion on appointment to the Steering Committee and concurred that Councillor Pat File replace Deputy Mayor Stephan Kramp as appointee to the Steering Committee.

**Recommendation**

The Committee recommends the following:

- 1. That Council approve the appointment of the following three (3) members of Council to the Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee:  
Mayor Gord McKay  
Councillor Jim Attwood  
Councillor Pat File**

**D) Simcoe County Transportation Master Plan Update**

The Committee had before it for consideration Staff Report PL-2014-26 dated April 29, 2014 with respect to the Simcoe County Transportation Master Plan Update, Interim Report #2.

Committee had discussion on car-pooling and the Director noted that a comment could be provided to the County that the Town supports the County carpooling initiatives in the Town of Midland.

**Recommendation**

The Committee recommends the following:

- 1. That the Staff Report PL-2014-26 be forwarded to the County of Simcoe Transportation Master Plan coordinator as the comments from the Town of Midland for review and response.**

**E) County of Simcoe Official Plan – Appeal Status**

The Committee had before it for consideration correspondence dated April 16, 2014 from Mr. Paul Peterson of HGR Graham Partners, regarding the OMB Appeal Status for the County of Simcoe Official Plan.

Committee had discussion on the D4 Policies and the changes the County's OP.

**Recommendation**

The Committee recommends the following:

- 1. This item was received for Information.**

**F) Economic Development**

The Mayor and Director of Planning and Building Services provided updates on the following:

- Huronia Tourism Action Plan underway.
- HEA Participation in the International Plowing Match.
- Economic Development Corporation of North Simcoe is progressing. Currently advertising for people to sit on the EDCNS Board and anticipate the Board being in place by June.
- Advertisement for a full time EDO is underway.
- ARC process regarding the High Schools should be wrapping up in June.
- Health Care meeting re: LHIN.

**3. FOR INFORMATION**

A) Building Department Report – March and April 2014 – Noted and Filed.

It was noted that a new and improved format of reporting to Committee will be forthcoming.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

A) Summer Schedule – July and August Meeting Dates

As in previous years, Committee concurred that meetings in July and August would be at the Call of the Chair. It is anticipated that there would be a meeting in July but not in August.

B) Committee discussed the way in which reporting and Minutes were brought forward from the Sustainable Severn Sound at Committee and Council meetings. The Director advised that he would discuss this matter with the Clerk and CAO for report back to Committee.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

