

Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2008
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Township of Uxbridge
Municipal Office

Attendees: Bob Shepherd, Ingrid Svelnis, Gord Highet, , Scott Rushlow, Jo Ann Merrick(secretary), John Low, Randy Loewen, Jack Ballinger, Jeff Holland, Wynn Walters

Regrets: Robin Coombs, John Rodych, Rich Vandezande

1. Review of the minutes from the October 15, 2008 meeting.

Moved by Gord Highet , Seconded by Bob Shepherd

“That the minutes for the October 15, 2008 meeting be approved.”

Carried

- 2. Review of Agenda**

Addendum to agenda.

Item #9 Process for making recommendations by the Committee to Council

Moved by Jeff Holland, Seconded by Wynn Walters

“That the Agenda as amended for the November 12, 2008 meeting be approved”.

Carried

- 3. Presentation – Anne McIlroy**

Anne McIlroy explained the priority directions that came out of the Visioning Workshop.

The Committee was asked to review the draft report and to send any revisions/comments to Jo Ann Merrick by November 24 so that she can forward them to Anne McIlroy.

Randy Loewen thanked Anne for all her work on the workshop and for the draft report.

4. Presentation to Council

The Committee will make a presentation to Council on November 24, 2008 and give an interim report on what the Committee has been doing to date, give a brief overview of the Workshop and discuss the next steps in the process. Randy Loewen and Wynn Walters will make the presentation.

One of the findings of the public visioning exercise included the widening of sidewalks to make the downtown more pedestrian friendly. The Committee will make a recommendation to Council asking to reopen the issue that wider sidewalks be considered so that the Region has adequate time to modify their plans.

5. Sheds at Railway Station

The Committee was asked to review a report that Councillor Mikuse had presented to Council about the possibility of moving the Railway Sheds to GO property.

The Committee sees some value in the moving of the sheds to enhance the gateway to the downtown and the buildings should be kept if possible in the vicinity of the railway station.

6. Future Steps

The Committee should be ready to present a document of a Vision and Action Plan to Council in February.

7. Other Business

It was noted that some of the businesses/property owners have done some work on their buildings in the downtown area.

The Mayor will send a note to the property owners thanking them for their work on the buildings.

8. Procedure for Making Recommendations to Council

Ingrid Svelnis will check with the Clerk on the procedures for voting.

- are Council and staff members of the Committee eligible to vote
- what is the percentage of votes to constitute a legal vote

9. Next Meeting Expectations

- December 10, 2008 , 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers
- Review final draft of the Visioning Workshop report

Motion by Bob Shepherd to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.