

24th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF 'DOWNTOWN SUDBURY'

Thursday, October 17, 2013

Board Room, 7 Cedar St., Unit 102

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD AT 4:30 P.M.

J. MACINTYRE IN THE CHAIR.

PRESENT

S. Vincent, J. Chevrier, P. Thurston, D. Brouse, A. Lenardich, N. Bertolo, J. Browning, F. Belli, B. McCullagh

ALSO PRESENT

M. Luoma – Executive Director

J. Ferrigan – Senior Planner, City of Greater Sudbury

T. Cecutti – General Manager, Infrastructure Services

D. Shelsted – Director of Roads and Transportation, Infrastructure Services

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

13-98 Chevrier – Lenardich

THAT Item C-1 contained in the Consent Agenda, as duplicated and circulated, be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

C-1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

13-99 Chevrier – Lenardich

THAT the Board minutes of the 23rd Meeting (September 16, 2013), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

J. MacIntyre took a few moments to introduce the newest member of the 'Downtown Sudbury Team' ... Maggie Leblanc.

GUEST DISCUSSION

J. Ferrigan, T. Cecutti and D. Shelsted were introduced as Meeting Guests – present to discuss project updates as well as 'communications related to various implementation projects.

J. Ferrigan provided an updated on a number of **Downtown Master Plan Projects**, including:

Market ... indications are that this has been a good season at the Market's `new home`, work and planning will continue on this project over the coming months

Elgin Greenway ... currently 'on track` to have the tender documents finalized over the next couple of months, with the next step sourcing funding opportunities/funding applications, etc.

Art Gallery of Sudbury ... the Work Group is hoping to have something by the end of the year re downtown location

Synergy Project – and – Place des Arts ... both are currently undertaking their 'Feasibility Studies'

Innotech Park ... the City has done their 'due diligence' – the next step is to do a more detailed design, which is expected to be undertaken next year

Residential Incentives ... the City has undertaken Stage 1 – all boundaries have been ‘harmonized’ (within various plans, reports, etc.) – the next step is to develop the target market and subsequent specific project details to reach those (expected to be developed next year)

Retail Recruitment Strategy – new Library project ... currently being worked on

Parking ... City Staff are developing the Terms of Reference for a Call for Proposals for a parking facility. This is currently be delayed as a result of various other potential opportunities ie Arena, Casino. Members expressed concern on the current parking situation and what possible solutions could be considered between now and the actual construction/opening of a parking facility. It was recommended that a meeting be scheduled with Transit (Tony Cecutti) and Stephen Monet (Environmental Issues) to discuss program initiatives ie carpooling; employee incentives re transit, etc.

J. Ferrigan also updated Directors on the **CUI Project (Canadian Urban Institute)** ... noting that this is Canada’s leading urban ‘think tank’. This project is ‘data-based’ and will allow for a comparison to other similar communities specific to economic development – trends, activities, etc. It was noted that a **special session** will be held **November 6th** ... for a project update, purpose, goals, etc. ... further information to follow once finalized.

Members also briefly discussed the **Sudbury Arena** ... and current discussions related to its future and what impact that direction would have on our downtown. It was agreed that this be an Agenda Item for an upcoming Board meeting.

Following the above update, discussion then centered on recent ‘**communication concerns**’ related specifically to the start-up of the Elm St. parking project – and – the Durham/Larch intersection work (more specifically the removal of the interlock to be replaced with asphalt) and subsequent complaints and concerns received from both members and the public.

The concerns are not only related to the projects but how do we address this as we move forward with implementation of various projects through Downtown Streetscape, Downtown Master Plan, etc.

Various points were raised/clarified including:

- Removal of asphalt at the intersection is in keeping with the Streetscape Plan
- It is the intent that a ‘stamped design’ would be used instead of lockstone ... the final details are currently being completed as part of the Elgin Greenway project
- There is the potential that this intersection (Larch/Durham) could be a ‘test’ area for the new ‘stamped’ product – perhaps as early as next year
- Could this type of construction work – that is financially impacting many businesses – be undertaken at night/Sunday? It could – but it would be at a cost and impact other projects.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a better communication system is required and both T. Cecutti and D. Shelsted committed to making that happen.

Guests departed at 5:30 p.m.

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

R-1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Previously circulated.

13-100 Bertolo – Vincent

THAT the Executive Director’s Report (September 2013), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

R-2 CHAIR'S REPORT TABLED

R-3 DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

Additional information was circulated – received from DVDC in response to questions from the Board (as previously discussed).

It was further noted that the DVDC continues to request a meeting of the two Boards.

Following discussion, Directors agreed to hold a Special Board Meeting ... Monday October 21st – 3pm (location to be confirmed) with the DVDC Board. It was also noted that it is imperative that ALL Directors be in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

13-101 Chevrier – Lenardich

THAT we do now adjourn. Time: 6p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Executive Director