

**Economic Growth Strategy Committee**

**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Meeting Minutes**

**APPROVED**

**Present:**

Andrew Locke, Community Member  
Drew Jacklin, Community Member  
Andrea Davis, Community Member  
Sherry Irvine-Thorburn, Alternate Council Member  
Val Kean, Staff Member

Meghan Cox, Community Member  
Heidi Wagner, Council Member  
Dale Richardson, Council Member  
Warren MacLeod, Staff Member

**Regrets:**

Penny Smith, Council Member  
Jill Webb, Staff Member

**Public Community Members Present:**

3 members of the public were in attendance in person and 1 was in attendance online.

**1. Call to Order**

The Committee Chair, Andrew Locke called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Mr. Locke explained that Councillor Irvine-Thorburn would voting this evening as Warden Smith had sent her regrets.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

*It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, be approved as presented.*

**- MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

*It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Economic Growth Strategy Committee be approved.*

**- MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Election of Co-Chair**

Mr. Locke explained to the committee that a new co-chair needed to be elected and asked whether there were any nominations. Councillor Wagner nominated Mr. Drew Jacklin, with Ms. Cox seconding the

nomination, Ms. Kean provided an overview of the Co-Chair's responsibilities Mr. Jacklin accepted the nomination. Hearing no further nominations for the position:

***It was duly moved and seconded that Mr. Jacklin be appointed Co-Chair by acclamation.***

***- MOTION CARRIED***

## **5. IN CAMERA**

a) Legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege as per MGA 22 (2) (g)

***It was duly moved and seconded that the committee go in-camera at 5:05pm for discussions around MGA section 22 (2) (g) – Legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege.***

***- MOTION CARRIED.***

***The committee came out of in-camera at 6:26pm.***

***There were no motions coming out of in-camera.***

## **6. Next Meeting**

Mr. Locke reminded the committee of the Public Meet and Greet event happening next Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 5-7pm at the Black Loyalist Heritage Society as well as Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 10am-12pm at the Municipality of the District of Shelburne.

## **7. Adjournment**

***It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting of the Economic Growth Strategy Committee be adjourned at 6:28pm.***

***-MOTION CARRIED***