

**Economic Growth Strategy Committee**

**Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Meeting Minutes**

**APPROVED**

**Present:**

Andrew Locke, Community Member  
Drew Jacklin, Community Member  
Penny Smith, Council 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  
Jill Webb, Staff Member

**Regrets:**

Andrea Davis, Community Member

**Public Community Members Present:**

1 member of the public was 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.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

*It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda for November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be approved as presented.*

**- MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

*It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Economic Growth Strategy Committee be approved.*

**- MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising**

a) Drew Jacklin, Community Member – Welcome

Mr. Locke welcomed Mr. Jacklin to the Committee, noting that he is the newest member and a local business owner (Coastal Tails) as well as a resident of the Municipality of Shelburne. Introductions were made. Ms. Kean confirmed that Mr. Jacklin's appointment had been formally approved by Council.

b) Meeting Accessibility

Ms. Kean reported that the Terms of Reference have been updated to allow for live-streaming of the meetings and that the necessary arrangements should be in place for the next meeting.

## 5. Strategic Planning

a) Municipality's Draft Strategic Plan – Feedback

Mr. MacLeod provided an overview of the municipality's recent activities, noting that several public engagement sessions, stakeholder meetings, surveys, and related initiatives have been conducted to gather valuable insights for the development of the document. He indicated that the consultants are now in the final stages of preparing the draft strategic plan for public review. Ms. Kean asked Committee members to share any additional input with her or Mr. MacLeod by tomorrow morning so that it can be forwarded to the consultants. Discussions were had.

## 6. New Business

a) Nova Scotia Pumpkin Regatta

Ms. Kean updated the Committee on the success of the Pumpkin Regatta, highlighting its positive economic impact on the community. She also noted that several social media articles have referred to it as "Canada's most unique fall festival." Ms. Kean continued by outlining the many events taking place within the community and emphasized that these initiatives continue to grow, contributing to the exciting developments happening throughout the area.

b) Hartz Point Property – Easement

Mr. MacLeod informed the Committee that the municipality is exploring the possibility of securing an easement with DNRR for access via the Eastern Island Park Road. He noted that a letter of support from the Committee may be required to strengthen the application.

c) LFA 33 Annual Catch Report 2025

Mr. Locke reviewed the report, noting that the lobster industry continues to be a significant economic driver for the community. The Committee engaged in discussion regarding the findings.

## 7. IN CAMERA

a) Acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property

***It was duly moved and seconded that the committee go in-camera at 6:15pm for discussions around MGA section 22 (2) (a) – acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property.***

***- MOTION CARRIED.***

***The committee came out of in-camera at 6:50pm.***

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

## 8. Adjournment

***It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting of the Economic Growth Strategy Committee be adjourned at 6:50pm.***

***-MOTION CARRIED***