

Economic Growth Strategy Committee

Tuesday, March 10th, 2026

Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

Present:

Drew Jacklin, Community Member
Deputy Warden, Heidi Wagner, Council Member
Warden Penny Smith, Council Member
Sherry Irvine-Thorburn, Alternate Council Member
Jill Webb, Staff Member

Meghan Cox, Community Member
Dale Richardson, Council Member
Warren MacLeod, Staff Member
Val Kean, Staff Member

Regrets:

Andrew Locke, Community Member
Andrea Davis, Community Member

Public Community Members Present:

1 member of the public was in attendance online.

1. Call to Order

The Co-Chair, Drew Jacklin called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Councillor Richardson and Ms. Cox both asked items to be added to the agenda.

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda for March 10th, 2026, be approved with the addition under New Business of item a) Wishlist for 103 Properties and item b) Review of Provincial Basketball Tournament.

- MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the January 27th, 2026, Economic Growth Strategy Committee be approved.

- MOTION CARRIED

4. Business Arising

a) Chamber of Commerce Letter – Support for Shelburne Visitor Information Center

Ms. Kean explained the letter from the Chamber of Commerce is asking for support to operate the Visitor Information Center for the summer. Ms. Kean also explained that the ask must come from the Town of Shelburne as they own the building and once they come up with operational ideas, then they can come to the Municipality via our Grants to Organization program. She did explain that we would need to balance funding with what we also provide to the Lockeport Visitor Information Center to be fair. Ms. Kean will keep the committee updated moving forward.

5. Housing Accelerator Fund

a) Initiatives, Housing Units Created – Reporting

Ms. Kean informed the committee that we have reached 38% of our targeted units with one initiative left to complete which is our Inclusionary Zoning – there will be a public webinar held on March 11th, 2026 for people to attend. She also explained that we are leaning towards a more voluntary approach rather than mandatory to not deter developers. If developers choose to include affordable units, there will be incentives for doing so.

b) Project Opportunities – Use of Funding

Ms. Kean informed the committee

6. New Business

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

7. IN CAMERA

8. Next Meeting

9. Adjournment

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

-MOTION CARRIED