

To:	Warden Hicks and Members of Grey County Council
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Subject / Report No:	PDR-CW-10-19
Title:	Recommendations for Public Members of the Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	All
Status:	Recommendation adopted by Committee of the Whole as presented as per Resolution <i>CW31-19</i> ; Endorsed by County Council on February 14, 2019 as per Resolution <i>CC15-19</i> .

Recommendation

1. **That the following public members be appointed as public members of the Grey County Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee for the term 2019-2022:**
 - i. **Fred Varkaris (Georgian College representative) or alternate**
 - ii. **Grey Bruce Health Services representative**
 - iii. **Lynda Bumstead (Grey Bruce Health Unit representative)**
 - iv. **Stacey Den Haan (Agricultural Representative)**
 - v. **Brian Davenport**
 - vi. **Ashley Chapman**
 - vii. **Sharif Rahman**

Executive Summary

The Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee (EDPAC) exists to support the County of Grey's Goal 1 in its Corporate Strategic Plan to 'Grow the Grey County Economy' and specifically assist in implementation of the 'Made in Grey' Economic Development Strategy and to provide a planning advisory role regarding planning policies and special studies.

Committee membership includes the Warden, six members of County Council (recently revised by Council), one representative from Grey Bruce Health Services, one representative from Georgian College, one representative from the Grey Bruce Health Unit, one representative of the agriculture industry, and three members from Business and Industry sectors. The EDPAC serves a four-year term concurrent with County Council.

Applications for the four public members of the 2019-22 term of EDPAC were advertised through media advisory and resulted in ten applications. This report recommends four members based on a mix of sectors, management experience, skills and geography.

Background and Discussion

The Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee (EDPAC) strategically supports Grey County's goal one of 'growing' the Grey County economy and specifically to assist in implementing the 'Made in Grey' Economic Development Strategy and to provide a planning advisory role regarding planning policies and special studies.

The EDPAC's core responsibilities are to:

- To progressively move towards Grey County's Economic Development Vision: "Grey County is Open for Business."
- To represent both County Council and the broader interests of private and public sectors involved in supporting the economic development process, namely People x Process = Economic Development Success;
- To review and monitor progress in implementation of the Economic Development Action Plan in order to fulfill the Economic Development Strategy;
- To ensure alignment of the Economic Development Strategy and Grey County's Corporate Strategic Plan;
- To provide a planning advisory role by providing feedback and recommendations on the Grey County Official Plan and any County-initiated amendments to the Official Plan (e.g. Official Plan Update);
- To provide a strategic perspective to the planning department on Provincial, local or procedural matters affecting Grey County residents, visitors, and businesses,
- To receive updates on and review any long term planning related studies such as Growth Management Study, Aggregate Resource Master Plan, Natural Heritage Systems Study, Development Charges, etc.
- Any other planning matters referred by Grey County to the Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee.

The Terms of Reference for this committee outline the membership as follows:

- Warden
- Six members of County Council (as revised by Committee of the Whole on December 20, 2018 and endorsed by Council on January 10, 2019)
- Seven members to represent the broader economic interests/sectors and geography of Grey County, with;

- one member to represent Grey Bruce Health Services,
- one member to represent Georgian College (and alternate as determined by Georgian College),
- one member to represent Healthy Communities (Grey Bruce Health Unit),
- one member to represent the agriculture industry,
- and three members from Business and Industry sectors.

Councillors Odette Bartnicki, Ian Boddy, Sue Carleton, Tom Hutchison, Shirley Keaveney and John Woodbury, along with Warden Selwyn Hicks, have been confirmed by County Council at the January 10, 2019 meeting as County representatives for 2019.

The following representatives of Georgian College, Grey Bruce Health Services and Grey Bruce Health Unit will be returning as members of the EDPAC or will be sending representatives from their respective organizations:

- Fred Varkaris or alternate – Georgian College, Dean of the Owen Sound Campus
- Grey Bruce Health Services member
- Lynda Bumstead – Grey Bruce Health Unit, Public Health Manager

Recruitment of Public Members

Throughout November Grey County advertised and recruited for four public members of the EDPAC. A media release was posted which received coverage in the local media. Grey County's social media accounts were also used.

Applicants filled out a form specified in the Terms of Reference which cover different sectors, board or management experience and skills and competencies that would be beneficial to the committee. On the closing date of November 30, 2018 a total of ten eligible applications were received for four vacancies.

Former Members Interested in Returning

Two former business and industry members of the committee have applied for another term, and are recommended based on their sector and management experience and skill set, as well as providing continuity for the committee.

Ashley Chapman – Chapman's Ice Cream

Brian Davenport – RBC Dominion Securities

New Applicant Members

Eight new applications were received and the following applicants are recommended based on their sector representation, management experience and skill sets.

Sharif Rahman - Owner, The Curry House

Steady Den Haan – Royal LePage – experience in the dairy industry, food safety regulation (Agricultural Representative)

Legal and Legislated Requirements

The Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee Terms of Reference outlines the committee's Purpose, Scope of Responsibility, Voting membership, Reporting relationship to County Council, and that the committee is guided by the County's procedural by-law as well as Provincial Acts and regulations such as the Municipal Act.

Financial and Resource Implications

There are no staffing or Information Technology implications related to this report. There are very minimal costs related to mileage for members of this committee and these are included in the existing budget allocation.

Relevant Consultation

- Internal (Kim Wingrove, Savanna Myers, Steve Furness)
- External (Georgian College, Grey Bruce Health Unit and Grey Bruce Health Services)

Appendices and Attachments

[Grey County Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee Terms of Reference](#)