



MINUTES

Economic and Community Development Committee September 9, 2025 - 6:15 p.m. Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Broad, Cindy Ault-Peters, Ryan Gilmer, Jeff Poapst, Michelle McMillan, Ralph Rick
Staff Present: CAO de Haan, Acting Economic Development & Communications Officer Fraser-Dupuis

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Jeff Poapst
Seconded by Michelle McMillan
CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the April 15, 2025, meeting of the Economic & Community Development Committee be adopted as presented.

Moved by Ralph Rick
Seconded by Cindy Ault-Peters
CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. EDO Updates

- i. Tia Fraser-Dupuis provided an overview of recent communications statistics, new businesses, and upcoming local events.

b. Project Tracking Tool

- i. Committee reviewed and updated accordingly.

c. Awards of Excellence

- i. Committee reviewed and selected the 2025 Awards of Excellence winners and who will be presenting.

- ii. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic & Community Development Committee selects ZR Waste Removal for the Business of the Year Award, through the 2025 Municipal Awards of Excellence Program.

Moved by Jeff Poapst
Seconded by Ralph Rick
CARRIED

- iii. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic & Community Development Committee selects Bryan Holmes and Michael Burton for the Adult Community Builder (Individual) Award, through the 2025 Municipal Awards of Excellence Program.

Moved by Michelle McMillan
Seconded by Ryan Gilmer
CARRIED

- iv. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic & Community Development Committee selects the It's All About The River Committee for the Green Award, through the 2025 Municipal Awards of Excellence Program.

Moved by Jeff Poapst
Seconded by Ralph Rick
CARRIED

- v. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic & Community Development Committee selects Jake Thurler for the Young Professional Award, through the 2025 Municipal Awards of Excellence Program.

Moved by Cindy Ault-Peters
Seconded by Ralph Rick
CARRIED

- vi. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic & Community Development Committee selects the Dundas Federation of Agriculture for the Agricultural Leadership Award, through the 2025 Municipal Awards of Excellence Program.

Moved by Jeff Poapst
Seconded by Cindy Ault-Peters
CARRIED

- vii. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic & Community Development Committee selects Aiden Adams for the Youth Community Builder (Individual) Award, through the 2025 Municipal Awards of Excellence Program.

Moved by Ralph Rick
Seconded by Michelle McMillan
CARRIED

- viii. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic & Community Development Committee selects Iroquois Legion Branch 370 for the Adult Community Builder (Group) Award, through the 2025 Municipal Awards of Excellence Program.

Moved by Ralph Rick
Seconded by Michelle McMillan
CARRIED

- ix. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic & Community Development Committee selects McHaffie Flea Market for the Tourism Award, through the 2025 Municipal Awards of Excellence Program.

Moved by Ralph Rick
Seconded by Cindy Ault-Peters
CARRIED

- x. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic & Community Development Committee selects the South Dundas Youth Working Group for the Youth Community Builder (Group) Award, through the 2025 Municipal Awards of Excellence Program.

Moved by Jeff Poapst
Seconded by Ralph Rick
CARRIED

- xi. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic & Community Development Committee selects the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club for the Innovation Award, through the 2025 Municipal Awards of Excellence Program.

Moved by Jeff Poapst
Seconded by Cindy Ault-Peters
CARRIED

- xii. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic & Community Development Committee selects Luma Salon & Sanctuary for the New Business Award, through the 2025 Municipal Awards of Excellence Program.

Moved by Jeff Poapst
Seconded by Michelle McMillan
CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a. First Impressions Community Exchange**
 - i. Tia Fraser-Dupuis discussed the opportunity to participate in the First Impressions Community Exchange program. Alex deWitt to provide delegation and October meeting.
- b. Budget 2026**
 - i. Committee discussed how to maximize the 2026 budget.
- c. Economic Development Strategic Plan**
 - i. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic & Community Development Committee supports the submission of an application to the Rural Ontario Development Program for strategic plan development funding of up to \$50,000 with 50% cost-sharing and further recommends that the Council of South Dundas support, in principle, the application to the ROD program.

Moved by Ralph Rick
Seconded by Jeff Poapst
CARRIED
- d. Maximising Parks Infrastructure Grant**
 - i. Staff with work with SLPC and South Stormont to ensure the maximization of the above mentioned grant.
- e. Completing Original Mainstreet Beautification**
 - i. Staff will look into the original plan for County Road 2 beautification.
- f. Volunteers**
 - i. Committee discussed the use of volunteers for a number of items throughout the municipality.

5. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Economic and Community Development Committee now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Moved by Jeff Poapst
Seconded by Ralph Rick
CARRIED