

**TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

The Amaranth Economic Development Committee and Sustainability Advisory Committee met in the Amaranth Board Room on the above date commencing at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT:	Chairperson	Jane Aultman
	Committee Members	Bill Cowie Don MacIver Mark Ostrowski
	Secretary (Acting)	Karen Canivet

1. **Opening of Meeting**

Chairperson Jane Aultman opened the meeting.

2. **Late Submissions**

Resolution #1

Moved by D. MacIver, Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that the following be added to the agenda:

1) Shelburne Well survey

Carried.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Resolution #2

Moved by D. MacIver, Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that the Committee approve the agenda as amended.

Carried.

4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

Can be declared anytime during the meeting. No pecuniary interest declared at this time.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Resolution # 3

Moved by B. Cowie - Seconded by D. MacIver

Resolved that the Board approve the minutes of the October 7, 2009 meeting as circulated.

Carried.

6. **Delegations**

None at this time.

7. **Unfinished Business**

7.1 **Amaranth & Art**

Draft invitation letter was reviewed and suggestions made for revisions; how often available to display; potential purchasers to contact artist directly; beneficial advertising for artist; contact us to discuss further; contract needed between artist and municipality. New draft to be circulated with next agenda. Display art in Council Chambers and display cases could be in lobby or chambers. There would be no need to remove cases for Council Meetings. Insurance issues still to be addressed. Letters to be circulated to known local artists and insert notice in general mailing.

7.5 **Breakfast Meeting**

No response received from Sue Powell, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs with respect to setting up Breakfast Meeting in February. To be brought back to next meeting for discussion.

7.6 **Centre for Business and Economic Development**

Jane Aultman attended a meeting. Organization provides help for businesses that cannot get financial support, and self employed. Staff to follow up on programs available.

8. **General Business and Correspondence**

Nothing at this time.

9. **Closed Session**

Nothing at this time.

10. **New Business**

10.1 **Grants and Funding Opportunities**

Centre for Business and Economic Development Local Initiatives Program application due November 12. Discussion ensued regarding application; include all related costs ie.,

brochures, booth, etc. Suggestion to run seminars and workshops, however, committee felt that there are likely better venues to administer these type of programs. Suggest applying for \$10,000.00 to develop Amaranth Arts Studio.

10.2 Also, funding for Community Capacity Building Program was discussed. Will need display board; pictures taken; equipment for DVD/video running at venues, marketing Amaranth farms, business, etc. Suggest applying for \$15,000.00 to develop a marketing strategy for Township.

- 10.3 **Ron Munroe** had apparently left message at the office for Don MacIver, with respect to County Economic Development Officer. Matter to go to County Council shortly. Ron should stay in touch with us.
- 10.4 **Shelburne Wells** proposal received from Golder Associates, working for Town of Shelburne, and are looking at well locations in Amaranth Township. Committee concerned about impact on farming; 2 year time travel distance; Amaranth will "be on hook" with no compensation to residents; may need to hire enforcement officer. Annexation could also be Motion to object carried:

Resolution # 4

Moved by D. MacIver, Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that the Economic Development and Sustainability Advisory Committee object to the potential Shelburne well locations identified by the Golder Associates study, and further, that consultation with the Town of Shelburne and Golder Associates must occur relative to this matter. **Carried.**

11. **Adjournment**

Next meeting to be held December 9 at 8:30 a.m. Chair indicated that if funding announcement not received, the meeting may be cancelled.

Resolution # 5

Moved by D. MacIver - Seconded by M. Ostrowski

Resolved that the Committee do now adjourn to meet again on December 9th, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. **Carried.**

Chairperson