

February 4, 2009

**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	Mark Ostrowski (late with notice)
		Don MacIver
		Bill Cowie
	Secretary	Cathy Doherty

1. **Opening of Meeting**

_____ Chairperson Jane Aultman opened the meeting.

2. **Late Submissions**

Nothing at this time.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Resolution #1

Moved by D. MacIver - Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that the Committee approve the agenda as circulated.

Carried.

4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

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

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5. **Approval of Minutes****Resolution # 2**Moved by D. MacIver - Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that the Board approve the minutes of the January 7, 2009 meeting as circulated. **Carried.**

6. **Delegations**

Nothing at this time.

7. **Unfinished Business**7.1 **Business Directory**

Definitions for Public

Directory was reviewed and staff to make some revisions. It was suggested that the nature of the business be included for each listing.

It was noted that the inclusion for "home industry" on the directory will be done when the new zoning by-law #02-2009 is passed.

7.2 **OMAFRA - Sue Powell**

Update on Potential Meeting

Committee member Mark Ostrowski has arranged for Sue Powell from OMAFRA to attend the next EDC meeting scheduled for March 4, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Ms. Powell will have a power point presentation with respect to grants and loans to small business, and a discussion period afterwards.

Committee members agreed that both Amaranth council and staff be invited to the presentation.

7.3 **Celebrate Ontario**

Application and Discussion

It was agreed that if a grant application is available this year, through Celebrate Ontario, the Committee will apply in the fall.

7.4 **Headwaters Plan for Sustainability**

Discussion

Schedule "A" was again reviewed and discussion included the following:

- Under the heading 'Groundwater/Drinking Water' included Source Water Protection
- Road conditions being made available on our website
- Links to the Weather Network, Environment Canada and County of Dufferin on web
- GPS tracking of road department vehicles

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- New format to be created with respect to Schedule "A", with the addition of columns indicating what type of support (if any) will be given to each item as: Financial / Advertising / Web Page/ County Funded / Other and to be brought back to the April EDC meeting, and circulated to Committee members prior to meeting.
- Requests for support from individuals or groups to attend the EDC meeting as a Delegation, rather than Council, and EDC will make recommendation to Council.

8. **General Business and Correspondence**

8.1 **Winter Newsletter**

Received. Committee commented how pleased they were with the Committee newsletter.

8.2 **Terms of Reference**

Review and Discussion

Matter deferred to next meeting of Committee.

9. **Closed Session**

_____ Nothing at this time.

10. **New Business**

10.1 **Collapsible Booth**

Discussion

Chairperson Jane Aultman provided information with respect to display booths. Through discussion, it was agreed that the table top model appears to be most compatible for their use.

Committee member Bill Cowie suggested another option, being a shutter version, and will bring information on this to the next meeting.

10.2 **Other**

Don MacIver spoke on the development of a program for a self-analysis precipitation gage, administered by individual property owners, which will show the current level of drought on their property, indicated by colour levels - green, yellow, red and black. The gage would be connected to the internet, and instantly show if there is a drought situation and how to correct.

This program is a pilot project through the Ministry of Environment, and is strictly measured through rainfall. This will be piloted throughout Canada, and the County of Dufferin is an interested party.

Once further information has been obtained, it was agreed that Amaranth should post on its website.

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11. **Adjournment**

Resolution # 3

Moved by D. MacIver - Seconded by B. Cowie

Resolved that the Committee do now adjourn to meet again on March 4th, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Chairperson