



The City of Saint John

MINUTES - OPEN SESSION GROWTH COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2018 AT 11:00 A.M.
8TH FLOOR BOARDROOM, CITY HALL

Present: Mayor D. Darling
Deputy Mayor S. McAlary
Councillor J. MacKenzie
Councillor B. Armstrong
Councillor R. Strowbridge

Also

Present: Acting City Manager N. Jacobsen
Commissioner Growth and Community Development J. Hamilton
Deputy Commissioner Building and Inspection Services A. Poffenroth
Deputy Commissioner Growth and Community Development P. Ouellette
Population Growth Manager D. Dobbelsteyn
Senior Financial Analyst J. Forgie
Director Strategic Real Estate Services S. Carson
Administrative Assistant K. Tibbits

1. Meeting Called To Order

Mayor Darling called the Growth Committee open session meeting to order.

1.1 Enterprise Saint John's 2019-2021 Plan

(R. Gaudet, P. Hicks, S. Crozier and E. McLean of Enterprise Saint John entered the meeting)

Mr. Gaudet reviewed the submitted presentation, "Economic Development Plan 2019-2021." Preparation for the three year economic development plan included consultations with major employers in the region, industry and partners in other levels of government. The plan is based on this feedback and the City's Roadmap for Smart Growth, population growth agenda, and the positioning of the white paper. The goal of the economic development plan is to increase employment, labour force, GDP, and consumer confidence over time. The plan will prioritize work force development, business investment and innovation, entrepreneur development and marketing Greater Saint John.

(Councillor Strowbridge entered the meeting)

Mr. Gaudet commented on the current funding model and the request from Enterprise Saint John for increased funding. Additional resources would go towards growing the population, increasing tax base and jobs, supporting workforce development, business investment and marketing. Saint John lags Moncton by approximately 20 years in terms of marketing and three years in terms of a focused effort to attract immigration and workforce.

Moved by Deputy Mayor McAlary, seconded by Councillor Armstrong:

RESOLVED that Item 1.1 Enterprise Saint John's 2019-2021 Plan, be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED.

(Mr. Gaudet, Ms. Hicks, Ms. Crozier and Ms. McLean withdrew from the meeting)

1.2 Heritage Grant Budget Request from the Heritage Development Board

Ms. Poffenroth stated that the Heritage Development Board has requested an increase in the heritage grant funding from \$80,000 to \$200,000. Staff recommends that the budget remain at \$80,000 and that any increases to heritage grant funding be drawn from the growth reserve. The Growth Committee would receive a report on the development incentives program and further discussion on possible draws from the growth reserve, prior to making a decision.

Moved by Deputy Mayor McAlary, seconded by Councillor Armstrong:

RESOLVED that the Growth Committee recommend to the Finance Committee that the Heritage Grant budget in the proposed 2019 operating budget remain at \$80,000 and that the Heritage Development Board request to increase the grant budget be considered by the Growth Committee at a future meeting as a possible draw on the 2019 growth reserve.

MOTION CARRIED.

1.3 2019 Growth Work Plan

The 2019 Growth Work Plan was referred to the December meeting of the Growth Committee.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Armstrong, seconded by Deputy Mayor McAlary:

RESOLVED that the open session meeting of the Growth Committee be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED.

The open session meeting of the Growth Committee held on November 13, 2018 was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Recording Secretary