



The Corporation of the County of Bruce
Planning and Development Committee
Minutes

February 19, 2016
9:35 a.m.
Council Chambers
Walkerton, Ontario

Present: Warden Mitch Twolan
Councillors David Inglis (Chair), Anne Eadie, Janice Jackson, Milt McIver and Mike Smith
Alternate Ron Schnurr

Staff: Kelley Coulter, Chief Administrative Officer
Chris LaForest, Director of Planning and Development
Jill Roote, Lead Researcher, Corporate Policy
Kara Van Myall, Manager of Corporate Policy
Donna Van Wyck, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: Councillors Robert Buckle and Paul Eagleson

1. Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. Closed Meeting

Moved by Warden Mitch Twolan
Seconded by Councillor Mike Smith

That the Committee move into a closed meeting to discuss economic development pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act related to personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

3. Rise and Report

**Moved by Warden Mitch Twolan
Seconded by Councillor Anne Eadie**

That the Committee rise and report from the closed meeting.

Carried

4. Economic Development

**Moved by Councillor Anne Eadie
Seconded by Councillor Janice Jackson**

That through the leadership of the Warden and CAO of Bruce County the following 3 strategic directions be developed:

- 1. That the Economic Development strategy be guided by 4 core objectives; business retention and expansion, growth of the tax base and assessment; growth of the population base; and diversify the economic base, with quantified metrics;**
- 2. That the Business to Bruce strategy be launched in 2016 and funded from reserves; and,**
- 3. That an action plan be developed and implemented with regards to the Bruce Power refurbishment project through a partnership among key stakeholders including the Municipality of Saugeen Shores; Municipality of Kincardine; the Counties of Bruce, Grey and Huron and Bruce Power; and,**

That staff complete the formulation of the Bruce County Economic Development Strategy based on the foregoing directions and report back to Council.

Carried

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning and Development Committee will take place on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, County of Bruce Administration Centre. Walkerton, Ontario.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Janice Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Anne Eadie

**That the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee
adjourn at 12:55 p.m.**

Carried

**Councillor David Inglis, Chair
Planning and Development Committee**