



Township of

North Dundas

COUNCIL REPORT

To:	CAO, Mayor and Members of Council
From:	Rob Hunter, CMM
Date of Meeting:	November 13, 2012
Subject:	Economic Development Report

1.0 Economic Development Strategic/Action Plan Implementation

1.1 Business Incubator / Innovation Centre

I continue to holding meetings with various parties in October and am still in the process of laying the groundwork for the business incubator/innovation centre. Talks with possible partners are proving to be fruitful.

1.2 Corporate Calling/ BR & E Program/Business Visits

I continued business visits in the Township in October. These business visits help to ensure that there is a good exchange of information between the Township and the business community at large.

1.3 Strategic Plan

I met with a number of community and government stakeholders to re-confirm items in the strategic plan as we keep move forward with implementing of the plan.

1.4 Community Improvement Plan

Worked on creating a rough draft version of the Community Improvement Plan with the focus of having it adopted by Township Council in early 2013.

2.0 Investment Attraction

2.1 Commercial Sector Investment Attraction

A) I have had discussions with representatives from this company who are currently looking at setting up their venture in the Township. Discussions are proceeding well and I will continue to work with them as we progress with this file. (FILE ID # C-1012-AA)

B) I have had meetings with another commercial sector business to discuss the possibility of setting up their venture in the Township. Discussions are proceeding well and I will continue to work with them as we progress with this file. (FILE ID # C-1012-BB)

C) I have had discussions with this commercial sector business to discuss the possibility of setting up their venture in the Township. Discussions are proceeding well and I will continue to work with them as we progress with this file. (FILE ID # C-1012-CC)

D) I continue to have had discussions with this proposed commercial sector business to continue discussion on the setting up of their based venture in the Township. (FILE ID # C-0312-AA)

E) I also continue to have had discussions with this proposed commercial sector business to continue discussion on the setting up of their venture in the Township. (FILE ID # C-0512-AA)

2.2 Service Sector Investment Attraction

A) I have had discussions with representatives from this company who are currently looking at setting up a service based venture in the Township. Discussions are proceeding well and I will continue to work with them as we progress with this file. (FILE ID # S-1012-AA)

3.0 Business Expansion

3.1 Industrial Expansion

I continue to have discussions and meetings with this company and also with the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation in regards a significant expansion of this business. I will continue to assist the company as they move forward with their expansion plans. (FILE ID # I-0712-AA)

4.0 Marketing and Communications

4.1 Website

All Township Department finalized and provided me with their website content. The content has been in provided to our website design company 'Accurate' and they are moving forward to incorporate the content into the draft design layout of the website.

4.2 Networking, Events and Meetings

A) The Township Economic Development Office, the Small Business Enterprise Centre, North Dundas Chamber of Commerce and the Eastern Ontario Training Board hosted the 2nd North Dundas Business Breakfast held during 2012 on Wednesday October 17th. We had 65 people attend.

B) I attended the Storm Broadband Internet meeting that was held in South Mountain on October 17th.

C) I attended the October meeting of the SD&G EDO Working Group held in Moose Creek on October 4th.

5.0 Research and Information Management

5.1 Community Profile

I finalized the community profile and reviewed and the proof document was reviewed and approved to go to print. It is currently with the printer and I am hopeful that it might be printed in time to be able to provide council with a copy at the Council meeting on November 13th.

5.2 Industrial Property Best Use Study

In July, the SD & G Economic Development office offered to assist us with conducting an Industrial Property Best Use study. An application to the Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP) was submitted to help cover the costs of the study and the funding was approved the last week of September. A number of meetings were held in October and we hope to have the report completed in the next couple of months.

6.0 Miscellaneous

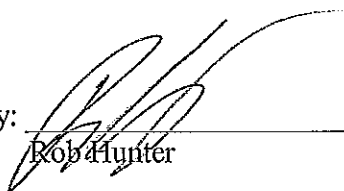
6.1 Department Budget for 2013

The draft 2013 Economic Development and Communication department budget was completed and entered into Vadim system.

6.2 October Township Site Plan Control Committee Meeting

I attended the Township Site Plan Control Committee meeting held on October 10th.

Submitted by:


Rob Hunter

Approved by:


Angela Rutley, CAO