

Township of

North Dundas

COUNCIL REPORT

To:	CAO, Mayor and Members of Council
From	Rob Hunter, CMM
Date of Meeting:	May 14, 2013
Subject:	Economic Development Report

1.0 Investment Attraction

1.1 Industrial Sector Investment Attraction

A) I had further discussions with the principles of this company in regards to a potential Industrial investment in the Township. I will continue to work with them as we move forward. (FILE ID # I-0313-AA)

B) I had a further meeting with the owners of this company in regards to a potential Industrial investment they are considering making in the Township. I will continue to work with them as we move forward. (FILE ID # I-0313-BB)

C) I continue to have discussions and meetings with the person who represents this company that is considering making an Industrial investment in the Township. I am continuing to work with them as we move forward. (FILE ID # I-1112-AA)

1.2 Commercial Sector Investment Attraction

A) I continue to have discussions with the representative of this company that is looking at the possibility of setting up a commercial venture in the Township. I will continue to work with them as we move forward. (FILE ID # C-1112-AA)

B) I continued to have discussions with this company in regards to their proposed commercial investment in the Township. Things are moving forward and looking very positive. I will keep Council apprised of the progress on this file as we move forward. **(FILE ID # C-0312-AA)**

C) I continue to work with this company on their proposed commercial expanding of their operation in the Township. This is proposed expansion investment is looking very positive and I hope that we will see an announcement sometime this spring. **(FILE ID # C-0512-AA)**

2.0 Business Expansion

2.1 Industrial Expansion

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

3.0 Marketing and Communications

3.1 Website

The website has been finalized and staff training session was held for to familiarize them with the websites' administrative back-end. This training on the website back-end will allow staff to make any website changes in-house. It should also be noted that the website conforms to the Ontario Provincial governments W3C accessibility requirement. Representatives from our website development company 'Accurate' will be on hand at this council meeting to present council with the completed website and a tour of the back-end.

3.3 Networking, Events and Meetings

A) I attended the 2013 National BIA conference in Toronto that was held from April 14th to April 16th. The conference focused on new ideas and best practices for main street renewal.

B) I attended the North Grenville annual Economic Development breakfast event that was held in Kemptville on April 18th.

C) I attended the SD & G EDO Working Group meeting in Morrisburg on Wednesday April 24th. During the meeting the group was provide an update on the Eastern Ontario Regional Network.

D) I met with Denis Lapierre who has been contracted by the SD & G CFDC to conduct an economic development feasibility study.

3.3 Community Improvement Plan Information Meetings

I worked in partnership with Calvin Pol and we held two CIP Information Nights. One meeting was held in Winchester on Thursday April 11th at 7:00pm in Council Chambers and the other one was held in Chesterville on Thursday April 18th at 7:00pm at the Nelson Laprade Centre.

4.0 Other Economic Development Initiatives

4.1 Mayor's 2nd Annual Community Breakfast


I worked in partnership with Jo-Anne McCaslin to organize and executed the 2013 Mayor's Community breakfast that was held at the South Mountain Agricultural Hall on Wednesday April 24th. We had approximetly190 people attend the breakfast this year which was a significant increase over the 116 people who attended in 2012.

4.2 Ontario East Economic Development Commission (OEEDC)

I participated in the April Ontario East Municipal Conference planning committee meeting to discuss keynote speakers and presentations.

4.3 Site Plan Control Meeting

I participated in the April Site Plan Control meeting that was held on April 12th.

Submitted by: 
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Approved by: 
Angela Rutley, CAO

