

COUNCIL MEETING #23-2006

Monday, July 17, 2006
Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m.
County Building - 26 Pitt Street

A Special Meeting of the Council was held today by invitation of the Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry

Warden Jim MacDonnell convened the meeting at 12:00 noon where the following members of City Council were

PRESENT: Mayor Phil Poirier, Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Joël Côté, Glen Grant, Korey Kennedy, Mark MacDonald (left at 12:15 p.m.), Leslie O'Shaughnessy, and Chris Savard

REGRETS: Councillors Perry Lalonde, Jacques Lemire and Denis Moquin

ADMINISTRATION: Paul W. Fitzpatrick, Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk, Stephen Alexander and Mark Boileau

PRESENTATION

The Council heard a presentation by Mr. Birket Foster, Chairman and CEO of M.B. Foster Associates, on the Final Report of S.D. & G. Economic Development Task Force for the City of Cornwall and United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

Mr. Foster indicated that the Task Force and its representatives within our community were mandated to explore, review and assess the methods and opportunities for the effective delivery of economic development for the region as a whole.

Terms of Reference that were considered were: Assessment of current economic development delivery structure(s) and the programs/services provided; survey and inventory of various agencies and organizations that provide economic development in its many forms; areas of potential collaboration; identifying opportunities and challenges associated with a regional approach to the delivery of economic development services and provide recommendations on the methods and structure of delivery.

The presentation provided information on Tourism and Economic Development for the region, different needs and audiences, questions of Chief Administrators and what was learnt and finally their recommendations.

In conclusion, Mr. Foster indicated that the next steps were to prepare an application for funding for implementation of the plan that would: compare what is delivered today with best practices; look at delivery mechanisms; look for patterns and areas for possible collaboration and that a Lay Committee assist in the terms of reference for the RFP and that staff persons be called upon for review.



DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS
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MAYOR PHIL POIRIER