

**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MANUFACTURER INDUSTRIAL SECTOR ROUNDTABLE
HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009 AT 9:00AM
AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCUGOG
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

Chair, Mayor

Marilyn Pearce

MPP

Rural ED Officer, Region of Durham

Senior Development Officer, Region of Durham

Local Manufacturers/Industries

John O'Toole

Marlene Werry

Liisa Ikavalko

Bill Barnes

Gary Chorney

Lang Hindle

Andy Jones

Dan Luchka

Roman Semeniuk

James Taylor

John Wiggers

ALSO PRESENT:

Regional Councillor

C.A.O

Commissioner of Planning & Public Works

Committee Coordinator

Jim McMillen

Bev Hendry

Gene Chartier

Barbara Condie

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00AM, thanked the attendees for their participation and invited the group to participate in a round table introduction.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT SCUGOG OFFICIAL PLAN

Mr. G. Chartier, Commissioner of Planning and Public Works, provided the Committee with an overview of information associated with the Township Official Plan particularly in association with the Manufacturers/Industrial Sector Employment Lands. The presentation was all encompassing, including a clearly defined purpose for the review, a chart of the review process, an explanation of the conformity with Provincial and Regional Plans, forecasting and statistical information and a chapter by chapter clarification on the draft document. A question and answer period ensued throughout the presentation which included but was not limited to the following:

- the introduction of Prestige Industrial;
- specifying Design Guidelines (building and site);
- the future road pattern;
- promoting the extension of municipal services, especially water, to the employment lands;
- environmentally protected areas within the employment lands;
- sustainability and LEED Silver Certification.

Mr. Chartier encouraged the participants to submit their comments on the Draft Official Plan to his attention.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Chartier for his presentation.

3. REGIONAL UPDATE

The Mayor introduced Mrs. Werry and Ms. Ikavalko to those in attendance.

Ms. Ikavalko introduced herself and informed the group of her position as Senior Development Officer with the Region of Durham. She advised that her focus is to become familiar with each business/manufacturing enterprise throughout Durham Region. She encouraged those in attendance to make contact with her office at the Region, if they have not done so. She also explained that there are many resources and much assistance that is available, giving examples which included but are not limited to, linking suppliers with customers, promotion of innovation, product development and trade/exports.

Ms. Ikavalko advised the group of events and workshops that they may be interested in attending:

- “Preparing You Best Bid Event” will be held on May 8, 2009 from 8:30am to 12:30pm at the Durham Region Headquarters;
- “Campus Connections 2009” to be held at UOIT/Durham College on April 30, 2009 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. This event is an opportunity to explore and discover their research facilities and learn about their capabilities. Find out how your company can benefit from the expertise found on campus;
- “Discovery 09” May 11th and 12th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre - Learn about exciting successes and emerging trends. Explore a showcase of promising ideas within research, academic and industrial sectors.

Mrs. Werry provided an update on Economic Development initiatives at the Region which included but was not limited to the following:

- Ontario Tourism funding is available for trade shows;
- CME Smart Program funding that is available advising that the deadline for application is May 31, 2009;
- Development of a Regional e-newsletter;
- Yves Landry Foundation AIME Program – funding available for skill development for small and medium sized manufacturers that are implementing new innovation within their facilities;
- Council is interested in participating in a corporate visit and is seeking a host from the Manufacturing Sector.

4. ROUND TABLE

A round table discussion ensued. The discussion included but was not limited to the following:

- consideration regarding the exploration of an “on line” Manufacturers Association network;
- Residential/Industrial mixed areas could benefit from noise pollution buffers;
- applauding the CME, Ontario Export Program that is running towards the end of its program and supporting the encouragement to renew or extend this program;
- concern expressed that the Township of Scugog and Township of Uxbridge being part of the Greenbelt yet not supported by the Community Futures Development Corporation funding;
- broadband now available in the industrial area;
- the need for water services in the employment lands;
- Council is exploring ideas, seeking opinion and encouraging collaboration regarding signage for the employment lands.

5. ADJOURNMENT 11:00AM