

## **Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date:** March 10, 2020  
**Location:** Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas  
Administrative Services Boardroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m.

**Attendees:** *Members of the Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee*  
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw  
Councillor Sally Martyn  
Councillor Dominique Giguère  
Warden Dave Mennill  
Heather Derks

*Elgin County Staff*  
Chief Administrative Officer, Julie Gonyou  
General Manager of Economic Development, Alan Smith  
Legislative Services Coordinator, Megan Shannon

### **1. Call to Order**

The Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee met this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 in the Administrative Services Boardroom, at the County Administration Building, St. Thomas at 12:35 p.m.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Warden Mennill  
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

Resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

- Motion Carried.

### **3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by: Heather Derks  
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

- Motion Carried.

### **4. Review Grant Scoring Matrix**

The Committee reviewed the Grant Scoring Matrix. The Chief Administrative Officer combined the Committee's scores, reviewed the options, and noted that the options can

be adjusted.

Chair Ketchabaw asked whether or not the Grant Policy went out with the applications and stated that he would like to have seed money made available.

The Committee discussed the agricultural societies. Heather Derks discussed the financial statements for the agricultural societies. The organizations/events should find alternative sources of income in the future.

Councillor Giguère agreed in principle and suggested that the Grant Policy be reviewed and an orientation package be completed for next year.

The Chief Administrative Officer commented that there has been a significant change from the 2019 to 2020 ask.

The Committee discussed the West Elgin Renaming Committee.

The Committee discussed the funding for Elgin 4-H Association.

Warden Mennill was satisfied with Option 5. The Committee decided to allocate the \$500 from the Fanshaw College PSW for seed money.

Councillor Mennill mentioned that there should be a deadline for applying next year.

Moved by: Warden Mennill  
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

Resolved that the Committee move forward with Option 5.

- Motion Carried.

## **5. Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, St. Thomas, in the Administrative Services Boardroom.

## **6. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Giguère  
Seconded by: Councillor Martyn

Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 12:56 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to determine.

- Motion Carried.