

Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: June 23, 2020
Location: Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas
 Administrative Services Boardroom, 3rd Floor
Time: 1:00 p.m.

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

Elgin County Staff

Chief Administrative Officer, Julie Gonyou (in-person)
 General Manager of Economic Development, Alan Smith (electronic)
 Jim Bundschuh (electronic) (1:00p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
 Supervisor of Legislative Services and Community Relations, Katherine
 Thompson (in-person)
 Legislative Services Coordinator, Carolyn Krahn (in-person)

1. Call to Order

The Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee met this 23rd day of June, 2020 in the Administrative Services Boardroom, at the County Administration Building, St. Thomas at 1:00 p.m. Committee Members and some Elgin County Staff members joined the meeting electronically via video conferencing.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Warden Mennill
 Seconded by: Councillor Martyn

Resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Warden Dave Mennill	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Sally Martyn	Yes	
Heather Derks	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
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- Motion Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on May 12, 2020 will be corrected and brought forward at the next meeting of the Rural Initiatives and Planning Advisory Committee.

4. Elgin County 2020 Grant and Festival Events Partnership Program Allocations

The Supervisor of Legislative Services and Community Relations presented a report reviewing the remaining 2020 Grant and Festival Events Program applications. A number of events and programs have been cancelled in Elgin County in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee Members reviewed the remaining requests for funding from the Wallacetown Agricultural Society, the Elgin 4-H Association, the Elgin County Plowman’s Association and the STEAM Centre. The Committee did not feel comfortable granting funds to events that had been cancelled and therefore decided to deny the request from the Wallacetown Agricultural Society. Funding for the Elgin County Plowman’s Association is recommended contingent on the event moving forward.

Moved by: Councillor Giguère

Seconded by: Warden Mennill

Resolved that the Committee recommend to County Council that the STEAM Centre be granted \$3000 and the Elgin 4-H Association be granted \$2000 as requested, and;

THAT the Elgin County Plowman’s Association be granted \$200, contingent on the event going forward in 2020, and;

THAT the Wallacetown Agricultural Society be denied \$7000.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Warden Dave Mennill	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Sally Martyn	Yes	
Heather Derks	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
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- Motion Carried.

5. Elgin County Community Grant Program – Presentation to Gather Feedback

The Chief Administrative Officer presented a draft community grant framework including

criteria, priorities, eligibility and suggested funding streams for the Committee's consideration and feedback (attached). Councillor Giguère also presented a two-stream funding matrix for consideration (attached). The Committee provided feedback and directed the Chief Administrative Officer to use this feedback to develop a draft Community Grant Program to be considered by the Committee at the next meeting.

6. Next Meeting Date

A tentative meeting date has been set for June 30th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Warden Mennill

Seconded by: Councillor Martyn

Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 2:44 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday June 30th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Warden Dave Menill	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Martyn	Yes	
Heather Derks	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
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- Motion Carried.