

Corporation of the County of Elgin**BUDGET COMMITTEE****MINUTES
For Friday, June 24, 2022**

The Budget Committee met this 24th day of June 2022 at the Elgin County Administration Building. The meeting was held in-person.

Attendees: Warden Mary French, Chair (virtual)
Deputy Warden Tom Marks
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw
Councillor Dominique Giguère

Staff: Brian Lima, General Manager of Engineering, Planning & Enterprise/Deputy CAO
Jennifer Ford, Director of Financial Services
Katherine Thompson, Manager of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk
Carolyn Krahn, Interim Manager of Economic Development and Tourism
Delany Leitch, Business Enterprise Facilitator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. with Deputy Warden Marks in the Chair.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Ketchabaw
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the June 24, 2022 meeting be approved as presented.

- Motion Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Giguère
Seconded by: Warden French

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2022 be adopted.

- Motion Carried.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. BRIEFINGS

6.1 SCOR Short Line Rail – General Manager of Engineering, Planning & Enterprise/Deputy CAO and Director of Financial Services

The General Manager of Engineering, Planning & Enterprise/Deputy CAO presented the report that provides additional information to the Budget Committee and seeks direction with respect to the provision of an additional one-time contribution of \$150,000 in support of Short Line Rail within the 2022 budget.

Moved by: Councillor Ketchabaw
Seconded by: Warden French

WHEREAS at its meeting on May 24, 2022, Elgin County Council directed staff to prepare a follow-up report for presentation to the Budget Committee regarding South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation's (SCOR EDC) request for funding (up to \$150,000 over a three (3) year period) and including an analysis of County infrastructure; and

WHEREAS on May 25, 2022, the Warden sent a letter of support, in principle, to SCOR EDC for the short line rail project to revitalize the Cayuga Subdivision line, as directed by County Council; and

WHEREAS following receipt of the letter sent to SCOR EDC on behalf of Elgin County Council, SCOR EDC requested that the Budget Committee, and by extension Elgin County Council expedite its consideration of SCOR's request for funding in the amount of up to \$150,000 (over a three (3) year period) to inform its application to the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF) due on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS on June 24, 2022, the Budget Committee considered the request for funding from SCOR EDC along with a staff report including background information and details of Crossing Images/Crossing Costs provided to the County by SCOR EDC; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report presented to the Budget

Committee be amended to include Committee discussion and direction and be presented by the Warden to Elgin County Council at its meeting on June 28, 2022; and

THAT the Committee direct staff to seek a legal opinion from Elgin County Legal Services with respect to the funding request from SCOR EDC to ensure compliance with the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001 for Council's review on June 28, 2022; and

THAT the Committee recommends that Elgin County Council authorize the Warden to send a revised letter of support as prescribed by the NTCF application guidelines to South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation (SCOR EDC), and to commit to funding the proposed Cayuga Subdivision Short Line Rail Revitalization Project for up to \$150,000 (over a three (3) year period), subject to NTCF funding approval, using Growth Reserve; and

FURTHER THAT SCOR EDC be required to provide Elgin County Council with regular progress reports regarding this regionally significant project, not less than on a quarterly basis.

- Motion Carried.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Budget Committee will meet again on July 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

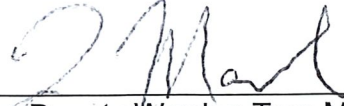
10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Giguère
Seconded by: Warden French

RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 4:06 p.m. to meet again on July 12, 2022.

- Motion Carried.


Julie Gonyou,
Chief Administrative Officer.


Deputy Warden Tom Marks
Chair.