



**TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 19, 2024**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Council Chambers**

**271 Sandwich Street South, Amherstburg, ON, N9V 2A5**

**PRESENT**

Patricia Simone – Chair  
Alan Buterbaugh – Vice Chair  
Mayor Michael Prue – Ex-officio  
Councillor Linden Crain  
Councillor Diane Pouget  
Jack Edwards  
Michael Deneau

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kevin Fox - Clerk  
Melissa Osborne - Staff Liaison, Director of Development  
Services/Deputy CAO  
Jennifer Ibrahim – Manager of Economic Development, Tourism  
and Culture  
Selena Scebba - Recording Secretary

**ABSENT**

Kenneth Morrison (Regrets)

---

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## 2. ROLL CALL

## 3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Pouget declared a conflict on items 6.1 and 7.1 due to her house being in close proximity to Belle Vue.

## 4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Chair has read the following land acknowledgment: We will begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations (comprising the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomie Peoples), and of the Huron-Wendat and Wyandot Peoples. We recognize the land as an expression of gratitude to those whose traditional territory we reside on, and a way of honouring the Indigenous people who have been living and thriving on the land since time immemorial. We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original Peoples of Turtle Island.

## 5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**Moved by** A. Buterbaugh  
**Seconded by** J. Edwards

That the following Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes **BE ADOPTED:**

### 5.1 Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - June 20, 2024

The Chair put the motion.

**Motion Carried.**

## 6. DELEGATIONS

### 6.1 Delegation-Item 7.1- Belle Vue Expression of Interest Update - The Belle Vue Conservancy Board

**Moved by** A. Buterbaugh  
**Seconded by** Councillor Crain

That the delegation **BE RECEIVED**.

The Chair put the motion.

**Motion Carried.**

**Moved by** Councillor Crain  
**Seconded by** J. Edwards

That the delegation **BE RECEIVED**.

The Chair put the motion.

**Motion Carried.**

## 7. ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 7.1 Belle Vue Expression of Interest Update

**Moved by** A. Buterbaugh  
**Seconded by** J. Edwards

That the Economic Development Advisory Committee recommend to Council that:

1. The report back on the evaluation of the Belle Vue Expression of Interest proposal dated September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, **BE SUPPORTED** in concept;
2. The Town of Amherstburg should not consider long-term ownership of the property at the expense of taxpayers. From an economic development perspective, it is recommended that the Town of Amherstburg **SUPPORT** developers and business owners, not compete with them. There are many safeguards and processes available to protect heritage and public access goals without owning the property;
3. Should Council decide not to proceed with the Amico-Loop proposal that a future report **BE BROUGHT** back to Council with further options.

The Chair put the motion.

**Motion Carried.**

- 7.2 Economic Development Newsletter – Content
- 7.3 Update on Business Consultation
- 7.4 Economic Development Division Engagement Update
- 7.5 Update on Night Market and Business Market

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved By** A. Buterbaugh  
**Seconded By** J. Edwards

That the Committee **ADJOURN** at 6:58 p.m.

The Chair put the motion.

**Motion Carried**

---

Patricia Simone - Chair

---

Selena Scebba - Recording Secretary