MEETING MINUTES



MEETING Tourism Advisory Committee

DATE November 21, 2017

LOCATION City Hall Meeting Room 112

TIME 4:00pm

PRESENT Andrea McCulligh, Anu Saxena, Frank Cain, Lynn Broughton, Heather Grummet

Dana Keller (staff), Stacey Dunnigan (staff)

REGRETS Marty Williams, Greg Mungall, Dana Thatcher, Jen Whyte

DISCUSSION ITEMS

| ITEM # | DESCRIPTION |
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| | Approval of September 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes |
| 1 | Amendment: That Heather Grummet be added as Present. Motion: That the September 12, 2017 Tourism Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved as amended. Moved: Lynn Broughton Seconded: Frank Cain |
| | All in favour: minutes approved. |
| 2 | Discussion: 2018 Destination Animation Fund |
| | Staff advised that the 2018 Destination Animation Partnership Fund will be announced in November. The Animation Fund presented in conjunction with Regional Tourism Organization 4 (RTO4), will allow Guelph based tourism businesses and organizations the opportunity to apply for 1:1 matching funds for new or enhanced tourism products. Members of the committee who do not wish to apply for the funding have the opportunity to be a part of the selection committee. |
| | The committee discussed further details about the project, options for further engagement and promotion through social media. |
| | DestinationGUELPH Project Update |
| 4 | Staff provided a project update with the work being doing with DestinationGUELPH Quebec Street Branding: • Staff reviewed the logo for the project and update the committee on the current status of the project. • Staff advised that the Google 360 is a part of the branding project. |

| | Sport Tourism: • Staff is working to gather economic impact data for the World Dwarf Games and Canadian Women's Amateur Championship. |
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| | Video Project: Staff advised that Guelph Tourism will be releasing a series of six short videos as a promotional tool in January 2018. RTO4 is providing additional funding to release more videos. |
| | Community Plan: Staff advised that the City of Guelph is undertaking the development of a community plan. Tourism Services is included in the project, and the Community Plan may influence the future of the rebranding project |
| | Vacancy Fulfilment |
| 5 | Staff advised that there are currently two vacant seats on the committee. The application process will begin in early 2018. |
| | 2018 Meetings Staff detailed that members of the DestinationGUELPH steering committee may attend Tourism Advisory Committee meetings in the future. |
| 6 | Staff advised that the mandate moving forward will be to advise on the DestinationGUELPH mandate and to work more closely with the steering committee. |
| | Staff will schedule six Tourism Advisory Committee meetings for 2018. |
| 7 | Next meeting: To be confirmed |
| 8 | Adjournment: 5:30 p.m. |