

Committee Room B (Room 132)

November 19, 2009

Council convened in an information session at 6:10 p.m. with respect to Prosperity 2020 Economic Development & Tourism Strategy; and Strategic Development of the Guelph Agri-Innovation Cluster

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Beard, Billings (left at 6:40 p.m.), Burcher, Farrelly, Kovach (left at 7 p.m.), Piper and Salisbury

Absent: Councillors Bell, Findlay Hofland, Laidlaw and Wettstein

Staff Present: Dr. J. Laird, Director of Environmental Services; Ms. M. Neubauer, Director of Finance; Ms. A. Pappert, Director of Community Services; Mr. J. Riddell, Director of Community Design and Development Services; Mr. P. Cartwright, General Manager of Economic Development & Tourism; and Mrs. L.A. Giles, Director of Information Services/City Clerk

DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

The Mayor advised that the purpose of the meeting was to gather information relating to Prosperity 2020 – Economic Development & Tourism Strategy and the Strategic Development of the Agri-Innovation Cluster.

Lynn Morrow highlighted the purpose of the meeting was to provide a brief update on the studies' progress and directions and to receive input on the strategic directions and suggested modifications to the directions if required.

John Genest provided information on the Prosperity 2020 – Economic Development & Tourism Strategy project directions.

David Arthurs highlighted the definition of cluster. He provided information in the geographic context of the existing cluster firms. He outlined the current cluster conditions and reviewed the areas of strength and weakness. He then outlined the future strategic directions relating to cluster characteristics and industry development.

At 7 p.m. quorum was not longer available, however, round table discussion facilitated by Lynn Morrow continued with those in attendance.

The General Manager of Economic Development & Tourism advised of the next steps.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed December 21, 2009.

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Mayor

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Clerk