

Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 7, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Township of Uxbridge
Municipal Office

Attendees: Bob Shepherd, Gord Highet, Scott Rushlow, Jo Ann Merrick (secretary), Randy Loewen, Jeff Holland, Wynn Walters, Robin Coombs, John Rodych, Rich Vandezande

Regrets: Ingrid Svelnis, Jack Ballinger, John Low

1. Review of the minutes from the November 12, 2008 meeting.

Moved by Wynn Walters, Seconded by Gord Highet

“That the minutes for the November 12, 2008 meeting be approved.”

Carried

2. **Review of Agenda**

Moved by Jeff Holland, Seconded by Wynn Walters

“That the Agenda for the January 7, 2009 meeting be approved”.

Carried

3. **Review of the Workshop Report**

Moved by John Rodych, Seconded by Scott Rushlow

“That the Draft Downtown Vision and Action Workshop Report be approved”

Carried

Copies of the report will be sent to all participants of the Workshop, put on the Township Website and a notice put in the Township page of the Cosmos. Rich Vandezande will write a cover memo to Council to go with the report to explain what the next steps are in the process.

4. **Process for Making Recommendations to Council**

All members of the Committee except for Township Administrative staff are eligible to vote on making recommendations to Council.

5. Future Steps

- Develop a Vision Statement and Action Plan
- Set policies in the Official Plan
- The policies will be used in the Community Improvement Plan

Bob Shepherd, Wynn Walters and Jeff Holland will draft a Vision statement to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Set up timeframe and schedule for next steps.

6. Dec 3 Meeting with the Region

Bob Shepherd, Ingrid Svelnis and Randy Loewen met with Regional Staff to discuss the reconstruction of Brock Street West. The reconstruction is scheduled to start June 1/09 and to be completed by November 1/09.

They also discussed some of the ideas that came out of the Visioning Workshop. The sidewalks can be made 1 metre wider without affecting the parking. Effective 2025, Provincial legislation is mandating that all stores must be wheelchair accessible.

Some of the other ideas such as Brock Street being a one way street, roundabout at the intersection of Brock & Toronto Streets, adjusting the Third Ave. traffic light are not feasible.

The Brock St. culvert has to be inspected.

Gravel trucks – the slip lane is complete at Regional Roads 23 & 21. They still have some work to do on both of these roads to improve their ability to accommodate the truck traffic.

7. Other Business

- a) Randy Loewen will write a letter to the Editor to clarify the status of the Committee.
- b) The Committee would like to see the proposed architectural drawings for the Brock Street reconstruction. Rich Vandezande will contact the Region to see if drawings are available.
- c) Bob Shepherd has received a copy of Scugog's Vision Statement and Action Plan.
- d) We will hold a special meeting for the Uxbridge Watershed Committee and the Accessibilities Committee to present their suggestions/concerns to the Committee.

8. Next Meeting Expectations

- Thursday, January 22, 2009, Council Chambers
- Set up timeframe and schedule for next steps
- Draft vision statement
- Subcommittees

Motion by Scott Rushlow to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.