



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of General Committee**

From: **John Kennedy, City Clerk**

Meeting Date: **April 12, 2021**

Subject: **Report CLSCLK21-014
Peterborough Regional Liaison Committee Motion – Reporting
from Peterborough & the Kawartha's Economic Development**

Purpose

A report to present a recommendation from the Peterborough Regional Liaison Committee (PRLC) respecting the reporting process of the Peterborough & the Kawartha's Economic Development (PKED).

Recommendations

That if Council chooses to adopt the recommendations of PRLC respecting the motion regarding the reporting of PKED, that Council adopt the following resolution:

- a) That City Council support the motion of PRLC regarding the reporting process of PKED; and,
- b) That staff be directed to notify Warden Jones on behalf of the County of Peterborough and PRLC of City Council's support.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no direct budget or financial implications associated with the recommendation in this report.

Background

At the PRLC meeting on February 11, 2021, the following motion was passed:

Whereas the County and City are focusing on ensuring efficiency and effectiveness of our respective services and responsibilities; and

Whereas Peterborough & The Kawartha Economic Development, the City and County of Peterborough are parties to a tri-party agreement; and

Whereas the new Consolidated Municipal Services Management agreement between the City and County of Peterborough encompasses economic development; and

Whereas the CMSM services are managed by the Peterborough Regional Liaison Committee (jointly with members from the City and County);

Now therefore be it resolved, that in an effort to be more efficient with the PKED CEO time and efforts, that the PRLC requests that City and County Councils provide for reporting by PKED to PRLC as is intended in the CMSM; and

Further that, minutes of PRLC be provided to both City and County Council so that they are properly informed at all times.

The City and County of Peterborough entered into a new Consolidated Municipal Services Management Agreement (CMSMA) in January 2020 with a term to December 31, 2024. If changes are desired in the agreement, Section 11.1 permits this to be done with a written agreement between the two parties.

Section 2.2 (d) of the current CMSMA indicates that the responsibilities of PRLC involve, “A forum for the exchange of ideas and information concerning matters of municipal interest and consequence to the County and City as may arise from time to time such as, but not limited to: d) Economic Development.”

PKED (formerly the GPAEDC) is governed by a tri-party agreement between the City, the County and PKED. The current agreement is in place until December 31, 2023. Section 4.01 of the agreement states that the Board of Directors of PKED “will be responsible and accountable to the Councils of the City and the County, through the County City Liaison Committee, in the performance standards and expectations as determined in the annual operating budget”. Section 4.02 of the agreement directs PKED’s Board of Directors to communicate with the City and the County annually for budget and workplan purposes, and as per 4.02 c), “Quarterly, by way of strategic plan reports, to each Council”.

County Council at its meeting of March 17, 2021 passed the following motion in support of PKED reporting to PRLC:

Whereas the County and City are focusing on ensuring efficiency and effectiveness of our respective services and responsibilities; and

Whereas Peterborough & The Kawarthas Economic Development, the City and County of Peterborough are parties to a tri-party agreement; and

Whereas, the new Consolidated Municipal Services Management agreement between the City and County of Peterborough encompasses economic development; and

Whereas, the CMSM services are managed by the Peterborough Regional Liaison Committee (“PRLC”) (jointly with members from the City and County);

Now therefore be it resolved, that in an effort to be more efficient with the PKED CEO time and efforts, that County Council provides for reporting by PKED to PRLC as is intended in the CMSM; and

Further that, minutes of PRLC be provided to both City and County Council so that they are properly informed at all times; and further

That, County Council receives and adopts the Peterborough Regional Liaison Committee meeting minutes of February 11, 2021.

If Council is supportive of the above motion from PRLC it can adopt the recommendation on page one of this report.

If Council does not support the reporting direction for PKED as proposed by PRLC, the following motion can be considered:

“That Warden Jones on behalf of the County of Peterborough and all members of the Peterborough Regional Liaison Committee be notified that City Council does not support the reporting direction proposed by the Peterborough Regional Liaison Committee for updates by Peterborough and the Kawarthas Economic Development and,

That, in addition to any updates provided at the Peterborough Regional Liaison Committee, Peterborough and the Kawarthas Economic Development continue to update City Council as per section 4.02 of the tri-party agreement.”

Alternately, Council may wish to consider responding with a suggestion of changing Section 4.02 of the tri-party agreement to have PKED update City and County Council twice annually rather than quarterly as an alternate means of being more efficient with the CEO's time and efforts and not report these updates to PRLC. In this manner, all of City and County Council still hear important economic development updates but it does reduce the requirement of the CEO.

A further option, in response to the PRLC motion, for Council's consideration relates to direction provided to staff under Report CAO19-014, Agreement Between City and County of Peterborough and Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation of December 2019. Council directed staff to review how economic development is delivered in the city and report to council. Council, if they wish, could defer any decision related to the PRLC motion until staff report back to Council regarding the delivery of economic development.

Summary

This report was provided in response to the motion at the most recent PRLC meeting respecting the reporting requirements of PKED.

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