



Government Relations Committee Minutes

Date: November 14, 2024
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillors Kyle, and Oakley

Staff: Newton, and Pluck

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Councillor Kyle in the Chair.

1. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Oakley
Seconded by Mayor Bailey

That the Government Relations Committee agenda of November 14, 2024, be approved.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

4.1 Government Relations Committee minutes of September 16, 2024

Moved by Councillor Oakley
Seconded by Mayor Bailey

That the Government Relations Committee minutes of September 16, 2024, be approved.

Carried

5. Staff Reports

5.1 ROMA Conference Delegation Requests

Alison Newton, Chief Administrative Officer, appeared before the Committee and advised that the delegation requests for the upcoming ROMA conference are open and suggested two delegations for the Committee's consideration, the Ministry of Health regarding the new hospital, and the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation regarding HDI and future developments in the County of Brant. A. Newton advised that she will work with Bonnie Camm, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Brant Community Healthcare System, on briefing material for the delegation with the Ministry of Health, and that B. Camm would attend the delegation.

Discussion was held surrounding further potential delegation topics including:

- Ministry of Health - Funding of Family Health Teams
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Consistent funding for new housing projects
- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services - Updating funding formula for Social Services
- Ministry of Transportation - Bishopsgate Road Interchange, and Highway 24 safety concerns

A. Newton advised that she will prepare a report summarizing the delegation requests to bring forward to Council for review.

5.2 Government Relations Approach and Tactics

Spencer Pluck, Deputy Clerk, appeared before the committee and provided a summary on the draft Government Relations Approach and Tactics research.

Discussion was held surrounding methods of engagement including:

- Stakeholder Roundtable discussions with MPs, MPPs, Chambers of Commerce, service groups, and federations.
- Queen's Park Day
- Parliament Hill Day
- Government Relations Consulting Services or a dedicated part-time

- Targeted meetings with MPs Byan May, Arpan Khanna, and Larry Brock
- Targeted meetings with MPPs Will Bouma, Brian Riddell, and Ernie Hardeman
- A Government Relations Consultant or a part-time Government Relations staff position.

5.3 Bi-Council Meeting with Six Nations of the Grand River

A. Newton advised that the Bi-Council meeting with Six Nations of the Grand River is scheduled for December 11, 2024, and that she is looking for focused topics of discussion for the meeting agenda, noting that time is limited for the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding agenda topics, with the committee suggesting that the meeting be held in a roundtable format to facilitate discussion and establish ideas for collaboration.

Further discussion was held regarding reviewing the land acknowledgement with Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

6. Other Business

Council Input on Conference Delegations

Discussion was held in regard to receiving Council input on delegation requests for future conferences. In response to questions, A. Newton advised that the ROMA conference can serve as a template for 2025 delegations, and that she will bring an item forward to the November Council meeting for Council to provide input and to approve the delegations.

Meeting with the Township of North Dumfries

In response to questions, A. Newton advised that she will follow up with the Chief Administrative Officer of the Township of North Dumfries in regard to scheduling a meeting between Councils.

The Committee further discussed the importance of establishing a relationship between Councils of neighbouring municipalities.

7. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Council adjourned at 12:51 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary