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time: 5.00pm

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Hawkesbury held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 24 June 2000, commencing at 5.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillors L Allan, B J Calvert, K F Conolly, P F Davies, D Finch, G J Gilling, C A Paine, P R Rasmussen, L C Sheather, L A Williams, and C J Woods.

Councillor Finch left the meeting at 6.55pm.

213: Funds for Economic Development (GM001/021 Pt.12/GMA/ORF24\$AX.G01)

Councillor Calvert declared an interest as he is the Chairperson of Hawkesbury Skills Incorporated.

604 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen seconded by Councillor Finch

That each group be permitted 15 minutes to speak without any extensions.

605 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly by Councillor Gilling

Council adopt the document tabled by Councillor Conolly as its criteria for allocating of economic development funding, being:

Allocation of Funding for Economic Development.

Principles

1. Economic development funding is provided by Council to organisations which are able to offer specific initiatives or services to enhance the local economy, consistent with Council's social, environmental and heritage vision for the City, and thereby improve the employment prospects of Hawkesbury City residents.
2. Economic development funding is allocated on an annual basis, unless Council enters into a contract for a longer period. Organisations seeking funding support for specific initiatives should take this into account in designing their initiatives.

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3. Economic development funding, other than in cases where Council delegates an on-going service role to an external organisation, is understood to be “improvement” funding. That is, the funding is intended to support a specific, finite initiative which will, when complete, have a lasting beneficial impact on the performance of the local economy. For this reason, it is not deemed appropriate to extend funding for recurrent purposes such as promotion or marketing.
4. All funding, whether derived from general rates or from a special rate levied on commercial premises, is public money for which Council retains the responsibility of allocation according to published guidelines. Funds raised through a special rate will be used for the purposes for which that rate is levied.
5. All funding provided by Council will be contingent on satisfaction of appropriate acquittal procedures. Appropriate performance indicators will be established in each case to permit evaluation of the proper use of Council funds.
6. Funding provided for economic development shall not be granted or used for purposes which would properly be addressed through other areas of Council’s budget, such as cultural or capital works expenditure.

Criteria

Proposals which satisfy one or more of the following criteria may be considered eligible for funding from within Council’s allocation for economic development.

1. Initiatives which will contribute in a lasting way to:
 - local employment generation
 - development and growth of existing enterprises
 - “value adding” within existing enterprises
 - the development of improved practice and efficiency
 - the adoption of ecologically sustainable development principles

or the facilitation of the:

- relocation of enterprises from elsewhere to Hawkesbury City; or
- establishment of new enterprises in the City

consistent with Council’s social, environmental and heritage vision for the City.

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2. Proposals to operate a service on behalf of the Council and community for an extended period, subject to annual funding allocations. Such services would be integral to the economic well-being of Hawkesbury City and of a nature which would, in the absence of the proposal from the external organisation, be a service which might be directly provided by Council.

An example of a service which may be eligible for funding in this way is the operation of the Visitor Information Centre.

3. As far as possible, proposals for initiatives and services to be undertaken by external organisations with Council funding should seek to maximise co-operation with other community organisations and avoid duplication of effort or overlap into existing projects.
4. Initiatives which offer benefits to the whole City or to a whole economic sector are to be preferred to those which are more limited in scope.

Exceptions to this criterion would be possible in cases where a specific group or class of enterprises (e.g. businesses in a “mainstreet” locality) are levied a Special Rate which would provide the funding for an initiative focussed on that particular group or class of enterprises.

The following organisations addressed Council:

1. Hawkesbury Farm Gate Project, represented by Carol Mayer-Gregory and John Maguire.
2. Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Committee, represented by Craig Dalli
3. Hawkesbury Chamber of Commerce, represented by Matthew Bennett.
4. Tourism Hawkesbury Inc., represented by Brian Mitchell
5. Hawkesbury Skills Inc., represented by Hugh McKinnon

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A motion was moved by Councillor Finch seconded by Councillor Williams

That the information be received with funds to be allocated at the Special Meeting of Council to be held on 26 June, 2000.

The motion was lost.

A motion was moved by Councillor Conolly seconded by Councillor Sheather

That the following funds for economic development for 2000/2001 be allocated:

1. Hawkesbury Skills Share Inc. be allocated \$21,183 for development of the agricultural database project.
2. Tourism Hawkesbury Inc. be allocated \$90,000 as a specific contribution to the operation of the Visitor Information Centre.
3. The Chamber of Commerce be allocated \$80,000 specifically for contribution to maintenance of the Mainstreet Program.
4. The Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Committee be allocated \$30,000, of which \$10,000 is to be set aside as matching funds for grant application that is proposed.
5. Hawkesbury Farm Gate Project be allocated \$15,000 specifically for development of a farm trail map.

606 An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Allan seconded by Councillor Paine

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3. The Chamber of Commerce be allocated \$80,000 specifically for contribution to maintenance of the Mainstreet Program.
4. The Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Committee be allocated \$30,000, of which \$10,000 is to be set aside as matching funds for grant application that is proposed.
5. Hawkesbury Farm Gate Project be allocated \$20,000 specifically for development of a farm trail map.

The amendment was carried.

The amendment then became the motion which was put and carried.

The meeting terminated at 7.10pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the meeting of Council on 11 July, 2000.

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Mayor