

Wednesday, December 07, 2016

Members:

City Councillor J. Bowman – Wards 3 and 4 **(Chair)**
Regional Councillor G. Gibson – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor E. Moore – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi – Wards 2 and 6
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros – Wards 3 and 4
Regional Councillor G. Miles – Wards 7 and 8
Regional Councillor J. Sprovieri – Wards 9 and 10
City Councillor D. Whillans – Wards 2 and 6
(Vice-Chair, Economic Development and Enterprise Services)
City Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8
City Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10
(arrived at 1:03 p.m. – personal)

Staff Present:

H. Schlange, Chief Administrative Officer
M. McCollum, Senior Manager, Strategic Development
B. Seguin, Advisor, Economic Development
Economic Development Office:
B. Darling, Director, Economic Development
C. Baccardax, Senior Advisor, International Investment
City Clerk's Office:
P. Fay, City Clerk
E. Evans, Deputy City Clerk
S. Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was considered.

ED111-2016 That the agenda for the Economic Development Committee Meeting of December 7, 2016 be approved as amended to add the following item:

- 5.1. Delegation from Pranavasri Iyathurai, Director, Tamil Canadian Civil Society Forum (TCCSF), re: **Request for a Friendship Relationship Agreement with Varuniya, Sri Lanka.**
- 6.1. Presentation by M. McCollum, Senior Manager, Strategic Development, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, re: **University Work Plan Update.**
- 9.1. Discussion at the request of Regional Councillor Medeiros, re: **Request for a Friendship Relationship Agreement with Varuniya, Sri Lanka.**

Carried

The following report was listed on the agenda to be distributed prior the meeting:

- 7.1. Report from B. Darling, Director, Economic Development, dated November 25, re: **Health Sector Trade Mission – United Arab Emirates – January 30 to February 7, 2017.**

2. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act – nil

3. Consent

* The following items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Committee and were approved at one time.

(nil)

4. Announcements – nil

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5. Delegations

- 5.1. Delegation from Pranavasri Iyathurai, Director, Tamil Canadian Civil Society Forum (TCCSF), re: **Request for a Friendship Relationship Agreement with Vavuniya, Sri Lanka.**

Item 9.1 was brought forward and dealt with at this time.

Pranavasri Iyathurai, Director, Tamil Canadian Civil Society Forum (TCCSF), provided background information to Committee regarding the challenges and hardships that have occurred in Sri Lanka and its current post-war state. Mr. Iyathurai provided information on the Tamil population in the GTA, noting that approximately 20,000 reside in Brampton. He advised that this community is seeking a partnership with Brampton to strengthen its relationship with Vavuniya, Sri Lanka, and submitted a written proposal for Committee consideration.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Indication that a dignitary from Sri Lanka will be visiting Brampton in January 2017
- Request that staff investigate the potential to establish a friendship relationship agreement with Vavuniya, Sri Lanka
- The importance of this proposal to the Tamil community in Brampton
- The need to establish criteria for Sister City Agreements, and an indication that it may be premature to formalize relationships until the criteria are set
- Indication that previously established relationships with other municipalities have been dissolved

The following motion was considered.

- ED112-2016 That staff be requested to investigate the potential to establish a friendship relationship agreement with Vavuniya, Sri Lanka, within the context of the existing and evolving City policy framework and report back to Committee.

A recorded vote was requested and the motion carried as follows:

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gibson	nil	nil
Miles		
Fortini		
Jeffrey		
Medeiros		
Bowman		
Dhillon		

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Sprovieri
Palleschi
Whillans
Moore

Carried
11 Yeas
0 Nays
0 Absent

ED113-2016 That the delegation from Pranavasri lyathurai, Director, Tamil Canadian Civil Society Forum (TCCSF), to the Economic Development Committee Meeting of December 7, 2016, re: **Request for a Friendship Relationship Agreement with Vavuniya, Sri Lanka** be received.

A recorded vote was requested and the motion carried as follows:

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gibson	nil	nil
Miles		
Fortini		
Jeffrey		
Medeiros		
Bowman		
Dhillon		
Sprovieri		
Palleschi		
Whillans		
Moore		

Carried
11 Yeas
0 Nays
0 Absent

6. Staff Presentations

6.1. Presentation by M. McCollum, Senior Manager, Strategic Development, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, re: **University Work Plan Update**.

M. McCollum, Senior Manager, Strategic Development, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on the University Work Plan.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:

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- Brampton's progress on this initiative in comparison to other municipalities and a request for information from the Town of Milton regarding their progress
- Request for information on the Government Relations Strategy
- Questions regarding the type of university (e.g. programming) and students (e.g. international) the Province will be seeking to attract in the Request for Proposals (RFP)
- The need to develop a vision for the university
- Brampton's focus on enhancing the Human Health and Life Sciences sector and how this may align with the university initiative
- Contact with various universities regarding possible partnerships with Brampton
- Questions regarding Brampton's role in the RFP process

The following motion was considered.

ED114-2016 That the presentation by M. McCollum, Senior Manager, Strategic Development, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, to the Economic Development Committee Meeting of December 7, 2016, re: **University Work Plan Update** be received.

Carried

7. Economic Development and Enterprise Services

7.1. Report from B. Darling, Director, Economic Development, dated November 25, re: **Health Sector Trade Mission – United Arab Emirates – January 30 to February 7, 2017.**

In response to questions from Committee, B. Darling, Director, Economic Development, confirmed that one member of staff from the Economic Development Department will be attending the subject trade mission with the Mayor. In addition, Mr. Darling advised that the City will be hiring for the new position of Sector Lead, Health and Life Science.

The following motion was considered.

ED115-2016 1. That the report from B. Darling, Director, Economic Development, dated November 16, 2016, to the Economic Development Committee Meeting of December 7, 2016, re: **Health Sector Trade Mission – United Arab Emirates – January 31 to February 8, 2017** (File CE.x) be received; and

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2. That Mayor Jeffrey's participation be approved as leader of the World Trade Centre Toronto's health sector trade mission to United Arab Emirates January 30-February 7, 2016, according to Business Mission Attendance Protocol; and
3. That a post-mission verbal report to Committee of Council be presented upon return, with a written information report to follow.

A recorded vote was requested and the motion carried as follows:

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gibson	nil	nil
Miles		
Fortini		
Jeffrey		
Medeiros		
Bowman		
Dhillon		
Sprovieri		
Palleschi		
Whillans		
Moore		
		Carried
		11 Yeas
		0 Nays
		0 Absent

- 7.2. Verbal report from C. Baccardax, Senior Advisor, International Investment, Economic Development, re: **Post-Mission Report – Multi-Sector Business Attraction Mission to Boston, USA – November 14-17, 2016.**

C. Baccardax, Senior Advisor, Foreign Investment, Economic Development, advised that she attended the Human Health and Science sector mission in Boston, USA, from November 14-17, 2016. Ms. Baccardax provided information on Boston's economy, noting that it is recognized for its innovation and communication, and human health and life sciences sectors. She provided details on various meetings held with high growth businesses, and indicated that the business leads were not as strong as they were previously in 2015. Ms. Baccardax advised that information materials about Brampton were provided to businesses and indicated that she would follow up with them in the future. She further advised that a written report on this mission will be provided to Committee at a future meeting.

The following motion was considered.

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ED116-2016 That the verbal report from C. Baccardax, Senior Advisor, International Investment, Economic Development, to the Economic Development Committee Meeting of December 7, 2016, re: **Post-Mission Report – Multi-Sector Business Attraction Mission to Boston, USA – November 14-17, 2016** (File CE.x), be received.

Carried

8. **Minutes – nil**

9. **Other/New Business**

9.1. Discussion at the request of Regional Councillor Medeiros, re: **Request for a Friendship Relationship Agreement with Vavuniya, Sri Lanka.**

Dealt with under Item 5.1 – Recommendation ED112-2016

10. **Referred Matters**

10.1. **Referred Matters List – Economic Development Committee**

The following motion was considered.

ED117-2016 That the **Referred Matters List – Economic Development Committee**, to the Economic Development Committee Meeting of December 7, 2016 be received.

Carried

11. **Deferred Matters – nil**

12. **Notices of Motion – nil**

13. **Correspondence – nil**

14. **Councillors Question Period**

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1. In response to a question from City Councillor Whillans as to whether the trade mission to the United Arab Emirates will include a focus on diabetes, Mayor Jeffrey advised that it will include all health and life sciences.

2. In response to a question from Regional Councillor Medeiros, H. Schlange, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that a report regarding an agreement with the Brampton Beast is anticipated for consideration by Council on December 14, 2016.

3. In response to a question from Mayor Jeffrey, B. Darling, Director, Economic Development, confirmed that staff can track and provide a breakdown of employment numbers in Brampton by ward.

15. **Public Question Period** – nil

16. **Closed Session** – nil

17. **Adjournment**

The following motion was considered.

ED118-2016 That the Economic Development Committee do now adjourn to meet again as part of the Committee of Council on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

City Councillor J. Bowman, Chair