

are in general in The Blue Mountains. There was a discussion regarding adding density to certain areas throughout the municipality, in order to promote attainable housing.

There was then a discussion regarding the Attainable Housing Workshops including a conversation on how many workshops should be held, what should be discussed at each workshop, and when these workshops should take place. It was noted that the Labour Supply Task Force's study will be complete by the end of May and EDAC should wait until this study is out before it holds any workshops.

It was noted that attainable housing needs to be defined. It was also noted that there are different types of attainable housing. This includes social housing (affordable housing), attainable housing for the changing and ageing demographic (long term care), attainable housing for workers (tourism and focus of the Labour Supply Task Force), as well as attainable housing for younger families, which includes diversity of built form in order to provide housing for younger families to move here and build an economy for the future.

The Committee then decided on the following for the workshops:

- Representatives from the Town, Council, County, other municipalities, developers, stakeholders, and the general public will be invited in order to promote open communications
- Two workshops will be held
- Steve Simon and Andrew Siegwart will work on drafting a project outline for these workshops
- There is budget available for the facility
- The Committee will aim to have the first workshop around the middle of June
- There will be four main "topics" for the workshop, which will be broken down the following way:
 1. What is it
 - a. Define attainable housing
 - b. Who is attainable housing for
 - c. What is needed
 - d. Where is it (need to be close to transit, etc.)
 - e. Need a "why" that everyone can agree on, and remind everyone at each workshop about it
 2. What do we need
 - a. Housing types (and pricing), and different built forms
 - b. Look more at the data behind all of this, i.e. labour supply
 - c. Density and change in the community
 3. Process and Policy
 - a. How can we implement this
 - b. Policies and processes behind attainable housing

- c. Infrastructure
 - d. What policies can we enact to get the public to want to do this
4. Players
- a. Who are the players – there are four (Province, County, Municipal, private sector)

B.2 Newly Emerged Economic Development Issues

It was noted that there has been a lot of conversation regarding attainable housing, childcare, workshops, and transportation. However, it was questioned if the Committee should review its priorities and discuss what it should be focusing on in the future. It was noted that the Committee has been reacting to a lot of issues over the past few years and it may be time for the Committee to update the BR&E Study and focus on high level discussions. It was suggested that the Committee could develop an economic development strategy, and if they did want to pursue this, there should be discussion in the next few EDAC meetings in order to develop a budget for 2019.

It was decided that Elizabeth would write a report to the Committee regarding what the Committee believes they should be working on, and then EDAC can take a Staff Report to Council to illustrate the work that EDAC has done, and what EDAC would like to focus on, in order to get Council's endorsement.

There was then a conversation regarding the development community and how the Town can continue to improve its development review process.

B.3 Next Steps

Steve Simon and Andrew Siegwart will work on drafting a project outline for these workshops.

The Committee will have another discussion regarding the Attainable Housing Workshops at its meeting in May.

Elizabeth Cornish will draft a staff report for circulation the week of April 23rd on various options for economic development planning.

C. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Committee Room at Town Hall.

D. Adjournment

Steve adjourned the Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting at 2:37 p.m.