



Staff Report

Communications and Economic Development

Report To: Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date: April 4, 2018
Report Number: FAF.18.46
Subject: Changes to the Economic Development Advisory Committee
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.18.46 'Changes to the Economic Development Advisory Committee';

AND THAT Council appoint Ken Hale as the Georgian Triangle Development Institute's representative to the Economic Development Advisory Committee;

AND THAT Council approve Steve Simon, the representative for The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce, as the new Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

B. Overview

The Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) is asking Council to approve Steve Simon, the representative from The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce, as the new Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee. The Georgian Triangle Development Institute has put forward Ken Hale as their representative on the Economic Development Advisory Committee, replacing Andrew Hill, and EDAC is also asking that he be confirmed as a committee member.

C. Background

The former Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), Casey Thomson, representing the Thornbury Business Improvement Area, resigned from the Committee two months ago requiring EDAC to vote for a replacement. The Committee felt the chair should be someone who was a businessperson in the community, and someone who represented a broad range of business sectors.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee made the following motion at their March 5th meeting:

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Tim Newton

THAT Andrew Siegwart remain as Vice Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee;

AND THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee nominate Steve Simon from the Chamber of Commerce to act as Chair of the Committee, Carried.

The Georgian Triangle Development Institute also nominated a new representative, Ken Hale of Dunn Capital Corp., to the Economic Development Advisory Committee. His bio is included as an attachment.

D. Financial Impact

None.

E. Strategic Goals

1. Create Opportunities for Sustainability
2. Engage our Community and Partners

F. In consultation with

In consultation with the Economic Development Advisory Committee and Shawn Everitt, Interim CAO.

G. Attachments

1. Biography, Ken Hale.

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Appendix 1: Ken Hale, Biography

As Vice President, Land Development and Acquisitions for the Dunn Capital Corporation (formerly Landex), I am responsible for leading development projects and providing due diligence professional review on acquisitions.

I have been providing consulting services in land planning, engineering, and landscape architecture for 20 years and have extensive experience in plan conception, team organization, approvals, construction tendering, and contract administration. My portfolio includes residential subdivisions, schools, parks, commercial, industrial, and institutional projects. I am known for my pragmatic problem solving approach and proven technical abilities.

My international work experience includes community design, recreational, resort and golf course development in Southern California and Las Vegas, Nevada. I have also provided Master planning, site designs and construction plans for a variety of developments throughout the Northeast United States including U.S. Federal Courthouses, Hospitals, and Mixed Use communities.