



Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: March 24, 2025

Subject: Community Working Group Consultation and Establish a Paisley Community Working Group

Report from: Jennifer Isber-Legge, Economic Development Coordinator

Attachments:

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves Report ECDEV.2025-09 – Community Working Group Consultation and Establish a Paisley Community Working Group;

And further approves the following amendment to the Chesley Community Working Group and Tara Community Working Group Terms of Reference to include:

The Committee may be consulted by Council to comment on proposals, or decisions that may impact the downtown area of xxx, including the review and consideration of bylaws.

And directs staff to form a Paisley Community Working Group and bring back the Terms of Reference at a future Council meeting.

Background

The Terms of Reference for the Chesley Community Working Group (CCWG) and the Tara Community Working Group (TCWG) were approved in August 2024. The stated purpose of these Working Groups is to provide a platform for business and community stakeholders, and local staff to share information, develop ideas, raise issues and concerns, and recommend solutions that will support economic development and revitalization in downtown.

During Council meetings on February 24, 2025 and March 10, 2025, Council expressed interest in asking the working groups to provide comment on draft policies (Vacant Storefront Tax and Sidewalk Patio Policy)

Analysis

In order to capture this new role for the Community Working Groups, staff is recommending the following amendment to the activities of the CCWG and the TCWG;

The Committee may be consulted by Council to comment on proposals, or decisions that may impact the downtown area of (Chesley or Paisley), including the review and consideration of By-laws.

During the establishment of the CCWG and the TCWG it was intended to bring forward a working group for Paisley in the future. Staff is recommending the establishment of a Paisley Community Working Group with the same Terms of Reference as Chesley and Tara.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.2 Supporting Businesses and the Local Economy

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

The Economic Development and Communications Coordinator time and capacity.

Approved by: Emily Dance, Chief Administrative Officer