

**Tara Community Working Group
MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Municipal Council Chambers
1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley**

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Jennifer Shaw
Tara Ward Councillor Peter Steinacker
Dave Tedford
Ken Thornburn

Staff Present: Jennifer Isber-Legge - Economic Development &
Communications Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chair Jen Shaw called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Tara Ward Councillor Peter
Steinacker

Seconded by: Ken Thornburn

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Tara Community Working Group be received and adopted as distributed by the Economic Development and Communications Coordinator.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None disclosed

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Dave Tedford

Seconded by: Tara Ward Councillor Peter Steinacker

Be it resolved that the minutes for the Tara Community Working Group on January 15, 2025 and also March 11, 2025 be approved as distributed by the Economic Development and Communications Coordinator with the location corrected for Jan 15.

Carried

5. New Business

5.1 Downtown Banners

Moved by: Dave Tedford

Seconded by: Tara Ward Councillor Peter Steinacker

The Tara Community Working Group supports the design presented for new banners in the downtown with Tarry Awhile in a blue serif font.

Carried

5.2 Amended Terms of Reference

Presented for information purposes

5.3 CLKS-2025-13 - Sidewalk Patio Policy – Working Group

Moved by: Dave Tedford

Seconded by: Tara Ward Councillor Peter Steinacker

Be It Resolved that the Tara Community Working Group receives for information report CLKS-2025-13 Sidewalk Patio Policy – Working Group and recommends Council approve a Sidewalk Policy that includes;

1. Supports Sidewalk cafes and patios in the downtown core areas
2. Supports adding more items mainly retail merchandise
3. Supports \$130 fee for patio applications

4. Supports no fee for cafe and retail merchandise applications
5. Supports consideration for the condition of merchandise and cafes

Carried

5.4 Vacant Storefront Tax

After through discussion, no consensus was reached and no resolution was made.

6. Upcoming Business

None discussed

7. Action Items Tracking Sheet

Nothing was added at this meeting.

8. Next Meeting Date

June 19, 2025 at Sutton Sound Realty, Tara

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Dave Tedford

Seconded by: Tara Ward Councillor Peter Steinacker

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:20am

Carried

Chair

Secretary