

**March 18, 2026**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES**

On Thursday March 18, 2026, at 9:00 am the Economic Development Committee held an in-person and Zoom Meeting, livestreamed to YouTube.

Present:

Mayor LaValley  
Councillor Collins  
Councillor Joe Florent  
Councillor Joan Kuiack  
Councillor Shawn Pigeon, Chair  
Jim Hollett  
Barney Baker – SABA Representative  
Councillor Laurie Sydock - Zoom  
Councillor Bill Rodnick - Zoom  
Kimberly Gorman- Zoom

Staff Present:

Bryan Martin CAO/Clerk-Treasurer  
Tracy Cannon, Deputy CAO, Deputy Clerk-Planner  
Stephanie Russell, Community Development Intern

**1.OPEN MEETING/CALL TO ORDER**

Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Councillor Pigeon called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**2.ROLL CALL:**

**3.LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**4.ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None**

**5.ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: **Councillor Florent**  
To adopt the agenda as circulated.

Seconded by: **Mayor LaValley**

**6.DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST or a General Nature Thereof: None**

**7.PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS: None**

**8.UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- ParkBus Tour Update
  - Councillor Pigeon meets with the team in charge of this tomorrow and will bring an update back to the next meeting.
    - There is a meeting being held with SABA at the Senior's Center on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> around housing/transportation. The Township was not formally invited.

- **Update – Key Goals**
  - Brochure/Advertising
    - Draft Brochure, QR code, Advertising with Raven
    - Staff will subscribe to an annual QR code.
    - Staff will standardize the font on the brochure to ensure legibility.
    - Staff will change the Motto to “Play, live, work, grow here”
    - Staff will add the Logo to a sign to match the signs around the Township
    - Staff will find costs to print brochure and vinyl QR code stickers to distribute for signs
  - Trails/Boat Launch
    - Staff Meeting with Jason Dwyer, Superintendent Algonquin Park RE: Trestle trail and update will be brought to next meeting.
    - Staff will mention that there is a seat to fill on our committee and see if Algonquin Park has a local staff that is interested in filling a seat, as it is part of our Tourism and Economic Development Master Plan.
- Housing Development
  - Mayor LaValley shared the press release from DNSSAB regarding Seed Funding for early-stage planning and technical work for 6 Galeairy Rd She emphasized that this does not guarantee building but it is a vital stage of finding out if we are able to or not.

#### **9.NEW BUSINESS:**

- South Algonquin Business Alliance Report -2025 Grant Funding
  - Barney expressed the conversation on the shuttle bus and said a lot of questions will be answered tomorrow.
- Changes to Committee Structure
  - Committee discussed a committee member that is no longer on the committee due to not residing in South Algonquin. Staff will do a media release, so the community is aware that there is an empty seat on the Committee. Interested citizens may contact Councillor Pigeon or Stephanie.
  - New Website Page
    - Staff will add a local business page to the website.

**10.NEXT MEETING:** April 15th, time to be determined at a later date.

#### **11.ADJOURNMENT:**

**Moved by: Councillor Florent**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack**

To adjourn the Economic Development Committee Meeting of March 18, 2026, at 10:05am.

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Councillor S. Pigeon

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Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer